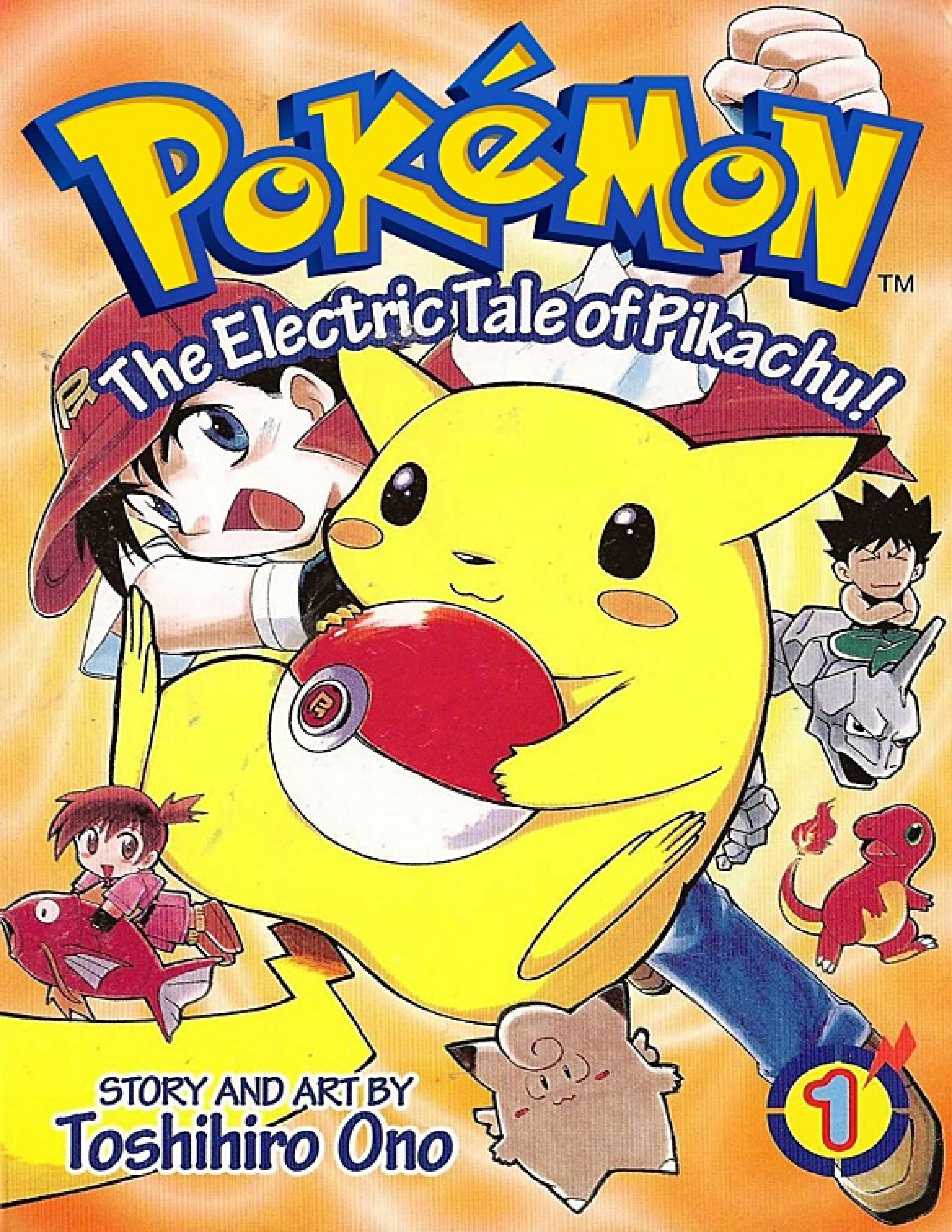

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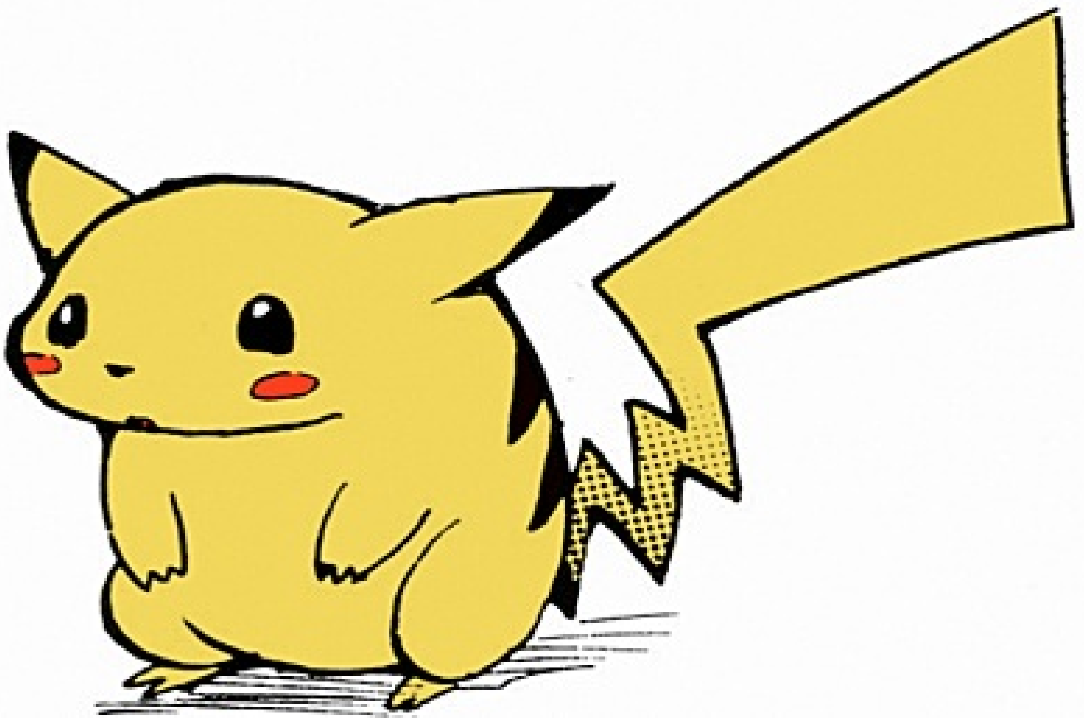

A NOTE FROM LORD SPARKO...

REMASTERING THIS SERIES HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE, AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING IT AS MUCH AS I DID THE FIRST TIME.

VOLUME ONE COLLECTS CHAPTERS ONE - FOUR. I HOPE TO COMPLETE VOLUME TWO OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

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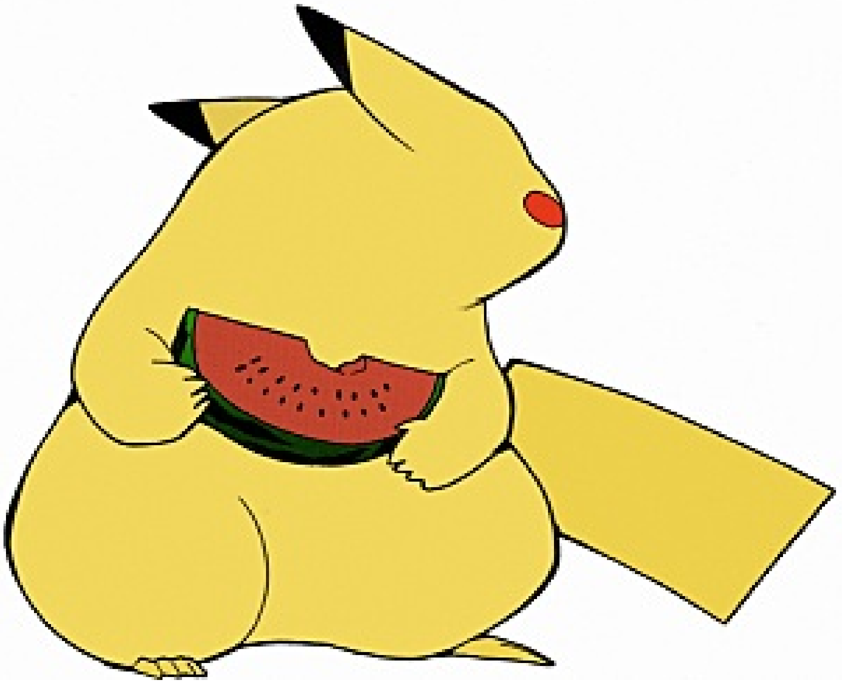
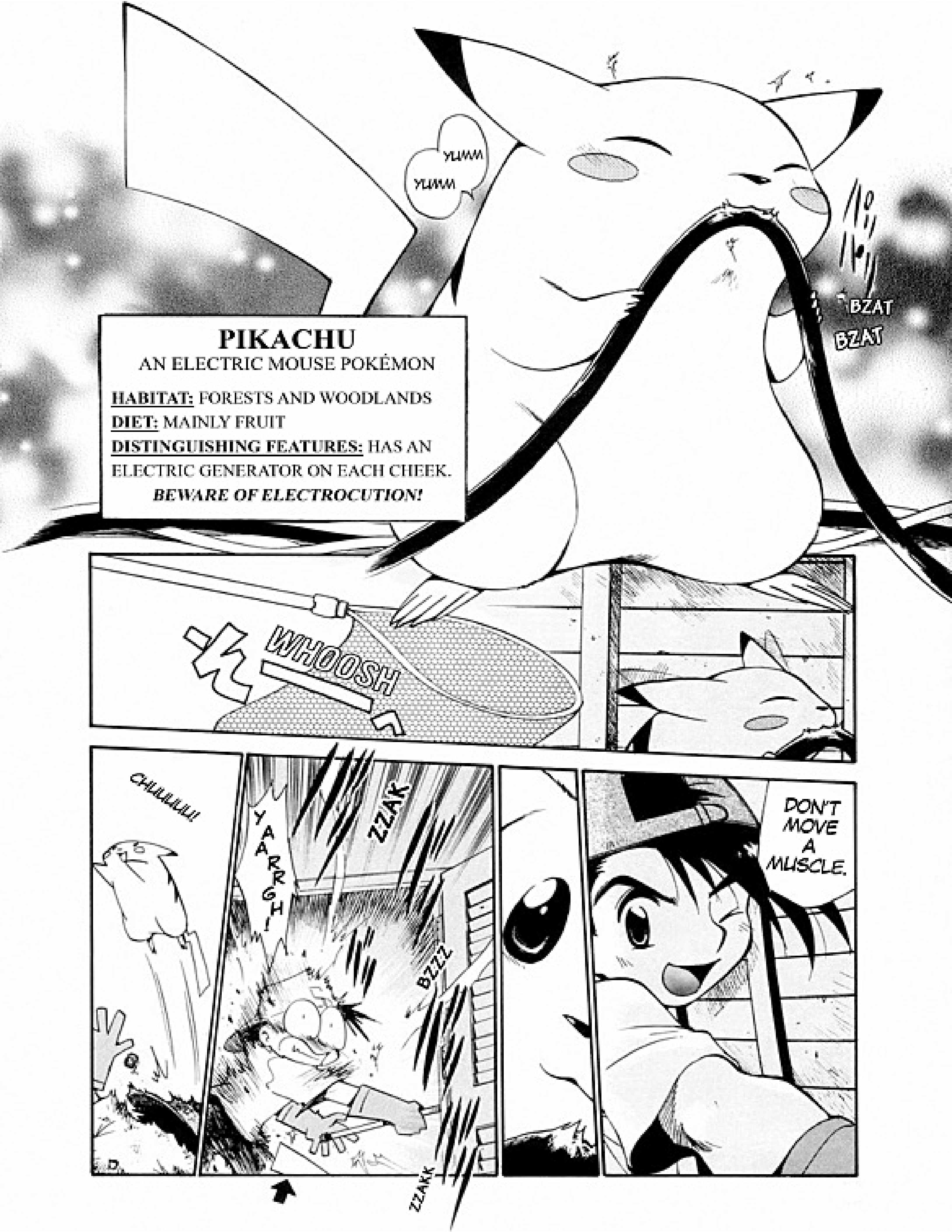
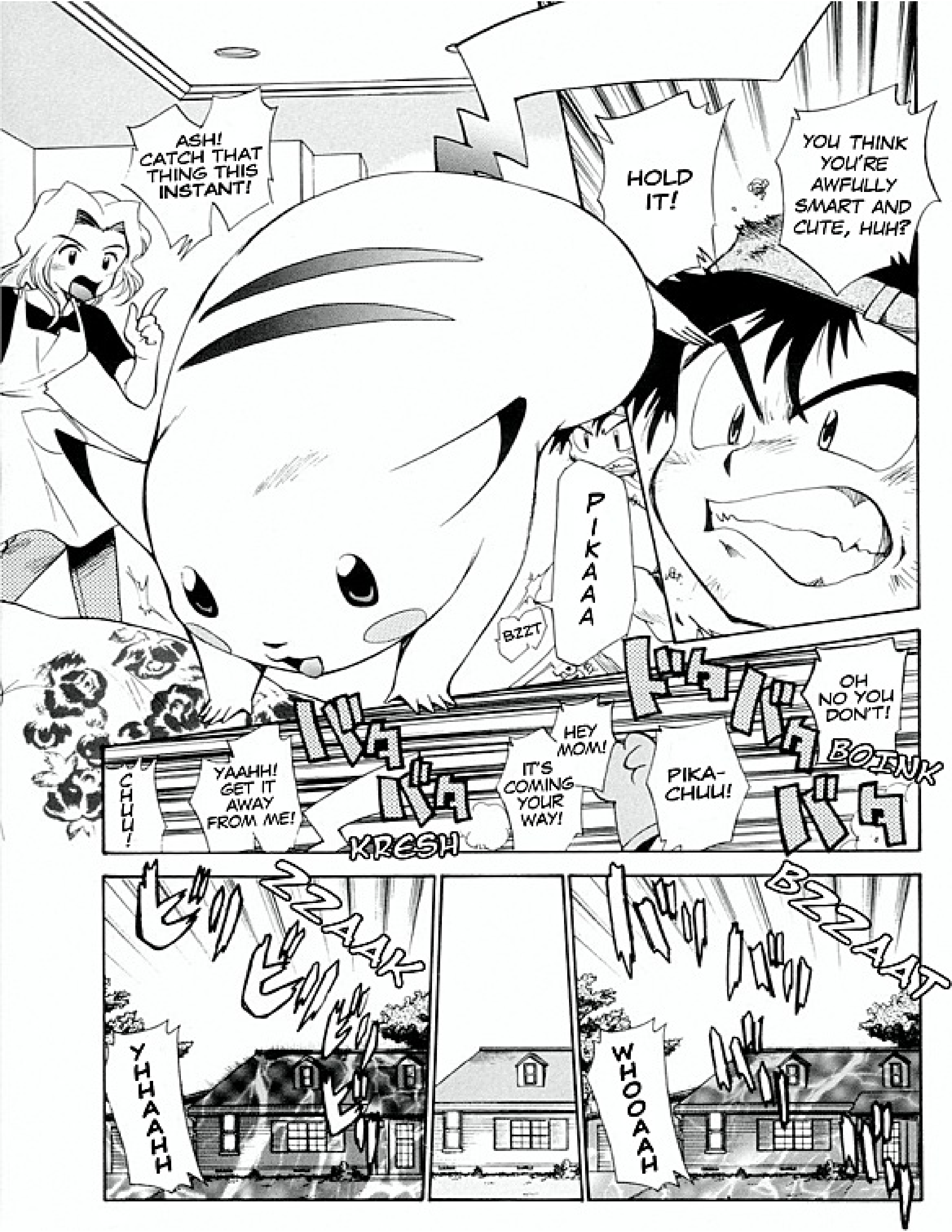


CHAPTER 1
PIKACHU, I SEE YOU
PALLET TOWN
BLOOP
HUH?
A BLACK-OUT?
MOM, I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE THE WALL...
SKRTCH SKRTCH
PIKA.
COMIC


YUMM
YUMM
BZAT
BZAT
PIKACHU
AN ELECTRIC MOUSE POKÉMON
HABITAT: FORESTS AND WOODLANDS
DIET: MAINLY FRUIT
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: HAS AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR ON EACH CHEEK.
BEWARE OF ELECTROCUTION!
WHOOSH
CHUUUUU!
YAARRGH!
ZZAK
BZZZ
ZZAKK
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.


YOU THINK YOU'RE AWFULLY SMART AND CUTE, HUH?
HOLD IT!
ASH! CATCH THAT THING THIS INSTANT!
PIKAAAA
BZZT
OH NO YOU DON'T!
BOINK
PIKA-CHUU!
HEY MOM!
IT'S COMING YOUR WAY!
KRESH
YAAHH! GET IT AWAY FROM ME!
CHUU!
BZZAAT
WHOOAAH
ZZZAAK
YHHAAHH

PANT
PANT
CHUUU...
BZZT
BZZT
I-
I GOT'CHA NOW.
PANT
PANT
HELLO, ELECTRODE ELECTRIC...
ASH!
TAKE IT OUT INTO THE WOODS AND LET IT GO!
OKAY!
I KNOW YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO ELECTRICITY, BUT YOU CAN'T JUST WANDER ALL OVER TOWN! YOU'LL GET RUN OVER!
CHUU?
ELECTRODE ELECTR
SERVICE
YO! ASH.
HUH?

GARY!
WHAT'S WITH THE POKÉ BALL?
HEH HEH HEH!
WH-WHEN DID YOU GET YOUR POKÉMON TRAINER'S LICENSE!?
JUST YESTER-DAY
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS!
AND STARTING NEXT WEEK, I'M OFF ON MY TRAINING QUEST!
I'LL BE COLLECTING POKÉMON PARTNERS, ACCORDING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE RULES.
TH-THAT'S A POKÉDEX!

***POKÉMON SUPER BALL:** AN ANNUAL OPEN POKÉMON TOURNAMENT.

ASH...
YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER, NO SELF-RESPECTING POKÉMON WOULD EVER ALLOW ITSELF TO BE TRAINED BY YOU!
YOU'LL NEVER BE A POKÉMON TRAINER!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
NEENER NEENER
GRR-RR!
trmble trmble
HMM?
PIKA?
WELCOME BACK TO THE NATIONAL ARENA FOR THE FOURTH DAY OF SEMIFINALS ACTION IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE'S COVETED CREATURES CUP!
YAYYY
YAYY
FINALLY I'VE GOT TV AGAIN.
I'D HATE TO MISS TODAY'S MATCH.

THE GENGAR BEGINS WITH ITS DEADLY NIGHT SHADE ATTACK!
NIDORINO IS IN TROUBLE!
NIDORINO IS THE FAVORITE! IS THIS THE MAKINGS OF AN UPSET?
MOM! I'M GOING OUT TO GET A POKÉMON LICENSE!
BE BACK BY DINNER!
PII.
OH!
ASH, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A POKÉMON MASTER TOO?
OKAY!
ZOOOM

UHH...
IT'S GARY'S SISTER, MAY.
YEAH, I AM.
I HEAR THE LIFE OF A TRAINER IS REALLY HARD.
YOU HAVE TO GO ON A PERILOUS JOURNEY AND CAPTURE WILD POKÉMON, RIGHT?
IT SOUNDS REALLY DANGEROUS!
I-I'LL BE FINE!
THESE ARE POKÉMON! THEY SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO TAME!
WELL.
YOU'RE GETTING REAL GROWN UP, AREN'T YOU?
BUT TRY NOT TO GET TOO CARRIED AWAY.
YOU BET!
GARY'S NEVER GOING TO GET THE BEST OF ME!
I'M GOING TO BE A PROFESSIONAL POKÉMON MASTER!
TEE HEE

"POKÉMON"
THE NAME FOR A MYSTERIOUS SPECIES NOT RECORDED IN TRADITIONAL BIOLOGICAL TAXONOMIES.
SUBSPECIES INCLUDE ANIMALS, GRASS, INSECTS, AND A VARIETY OF OTHER LIFE FORMS. DUE TO SIMILARITIES IN GENETIC AND CELLULAR STRUCTURE, THEY MUST BE CONSIDERED A SINGLE SPECIES.
WHEN DRAWN INTO THE CAPTURE DEVICE, KNOWN AS THE POKÉ BALL, POKÉMON BECOME PORTABLE. THUS, THE APPEAL OF POKÉMON HAS SPREAD TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE.
POKÉ BALL (NORMAL TYPE)
ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE APPROPRIATED THESE CONTAINERS TO KEEP POKÉMON AS PETS, THE POKÉMON CONTAINED WITHIN CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS...
THEREFORE, ONLY FULLY LICENSED TRAINERS AND BREEDERS ARE PERMITTED TO HANDLE THEM.

THERE IS ONE MORE ASPECT OF POKÉMON THAT MUST NEVER BE UNDER-ESTIMATED...
POKÉMON HANDLER'S LICENSE
APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE AND ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A HALF-DAY TRAINING SESSION BEFORE QUALIFYING TO TAKE A BRIEF TEST. THOSE WHO PASS THIS EXAMINATION RECEIVE THE LICENSE. ONLY LICENSED POKÉMON HANDLERS MAY LEGALLY PURCHASE POKÉ BALLS.
POKÉMON EVOLVE.
BUT THE SOURCE OF THIS ABILITY IS STEEPED IN MYSTERY.
IT TAKES TERRESTRIAL CREATURES MILLIONS OF YEARS TO EVOLVE INTO A DIFFERENT FORM. POKÉMON CAN TRANSFORM RADICALLY IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THIS ABILITY TO ADAPT TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT SO RAPIDLY IS AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT!
THE POKÉMON LEAGUE SETS THE RULES FOR RAISING AND FIGHTING POKÉMON.
ONLY THE MOST ELITE RANKS OF POKÉMON TRAINERS MAY JOIN THE LEAGUE.
THESE ARE THE PRO TRAINERS, ALSO KNOWN AS "POKÉMON MASTERS".
STAMP
ACCEPTED

AND ONE WEEK LATER...
PIII.
tug tug
I FOUND A PIDGEY!
FOUND ONE!

NOW! SIC 'IM, PIKACHU!
WHAT? PIKACHU'S GONE!
HM?
TWEE
FWAP FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
THAT WAS A SAND ATTACK!
KOFF KOFF

PARCO
VIRIDIAN CITY
A PIKACHU! HOW CUTE!
LOOK, IT'S A POKÉ-MON
IS SOME-THING CHASING IT?
WHOMM
I'M BEGGING!
CHUU!
PIII!
HEY!
KAA.
WHOOSH
HEY, WAIT UP!
HOLD IT, PIKA-CHU!
THIS IS YOUR MASTER TALKING!
THUMPA

...
HE'S COMPLETELY AT THE MERCY OF HIS POKÉMON.
HA HA HA HA... I MAY HAVE BEAT GARY ALREADY WITHOUT EVEN FIGHTING!
AND THAT'S WHY IT SHOULD BE MY PARTNER!!
CAN I CALL YOU AN AMBULANCE?
I HEARD THAT OF ALL THE POKÉMON, PIKACHU IS CONSIDERED THE MOST CAPRICIOUS AND HARDEST TO TAME.
PTUI
AH-HAH!
GOT-CHA!
BZZZT
PII!!
HEH HEH HEH HEH... RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!
BOING
PII.
HEY PIKACHU!
DINNER TIME!
POKÉ CHOW

BZZT
BZZT
ZZAAK
ZZAAK
BZZAAT
YOUNG MAN...
YOUR LICENSE?
POLICE
HUH?
HERE.
TUCKERED OUT AFTER ITS THUNDERSHOCK ATTACK.
COFFEE

ZWEEEN
...
CHIK
ASH KETCHUM OF PALLET TOWN?
CHUM
LICENS
2072-15
VALID
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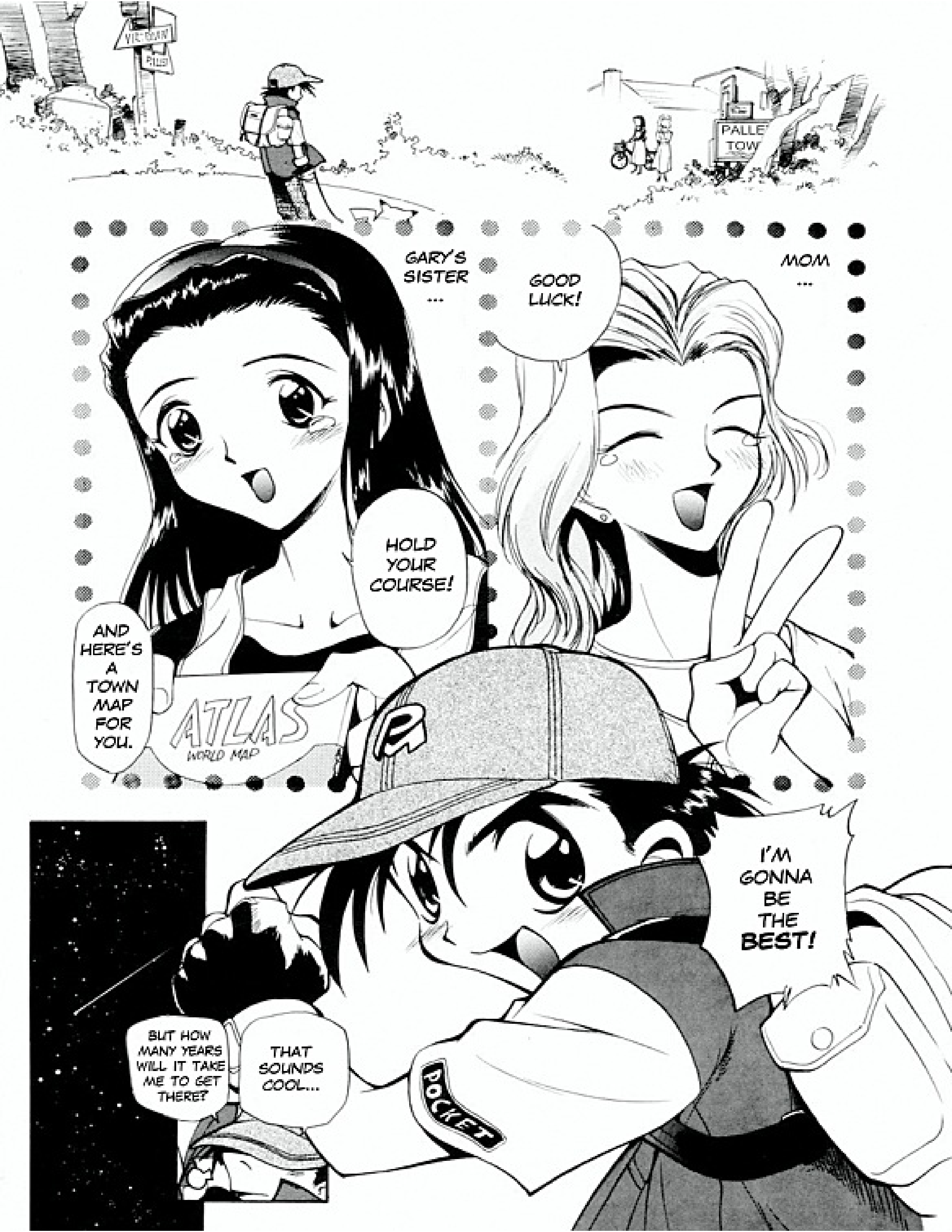
CLASS 01
GOT YOUR LICENSE JUST LAST WEEK, EH?
I CAN UNDERSTAND A GUY WANTING TO SHOW OFF HIS POKÉMON,
BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY TOWN REDUCED TO RUBBLE BY THUNDER-SHOCK DAMAGE!
GOT IT?
I-I DIDN'T ...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO-
I-I'M ...
I'M SORRY,
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
I THOUGHT BEGINNERS NORMALLY CHOOSE CHARMANDER FOR THEIR FIRST POKÉMON PARTNER.
PIKACHU ARE HARD TO HANDLE!
YOU MUST BE SOME KIND OF PROD-IGY!
NO, I-
I JUST-
DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU!
I KNOW THAT VOICE! IT'S GARY!

TOKIWA
THEY MAY BE RARE AROUND HERE...
BUT YOU CAN FIND LOTS OF PIKACHU AROUND PALLET TOWN.
AND HE DIDN'T CHOOSE ANYTHING. HE JUST DRAGGED PIKACHU HERE ON THE END OF A ROPE.
GO AHEAD, SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU CHOSE TO BE YOUR PARTNER...
BUT IT CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO MY PIKACHU!
POKÉMON TRAINERS ARE JUDGED BY THE NUMBER OF WILD POKÉMON THEY CATCH AND RAISE ON THEIR JOURNEY.
NO MATTER HOW GOOD ANY ONE POKÉMON IS, IT'S STILL JUST ONE.
TCH
ONCE YOU TAME IT, THAT IS.

YOU ALREADY HAVE SIX POKÉ BALLS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHAT ABOUT YOU ASH?
GLOOM
HOW MANY HAVE YOU GOT?
...
ZERO.
WELL THEN, I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
VROOM
GRRR
MAN, THIS REALLY BITES!

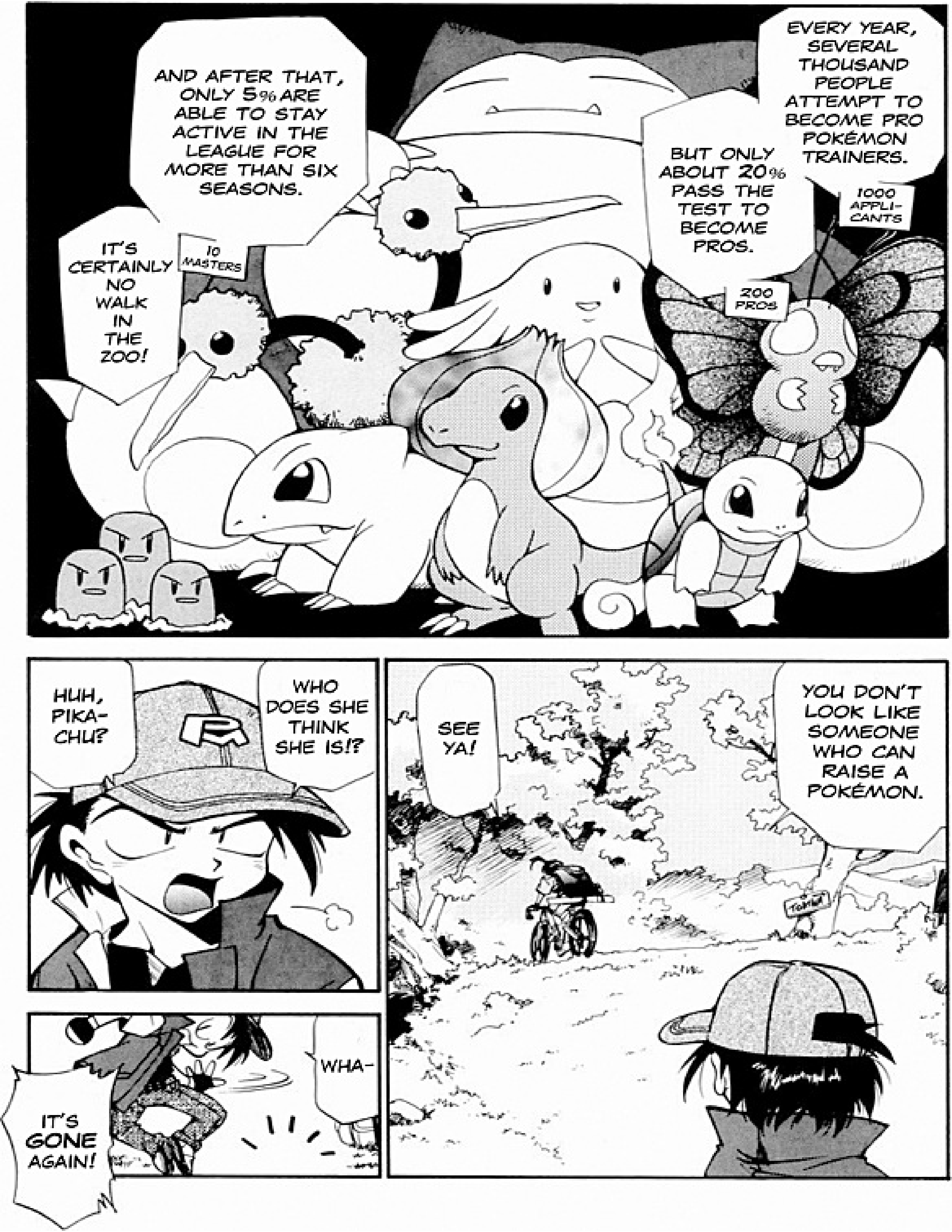
PIKA-CHU!!
ZZZ
HE'S A LOST CAUSE.
ZZZ
PIKACHU! WE'RE NOT GOING TO JUST STAND HERE AND TAKE THAT, ARE WE?
KLINCH
WE'RE GONNA SHOW HIM, RIGHT, PIKACHU!?
AHHH.

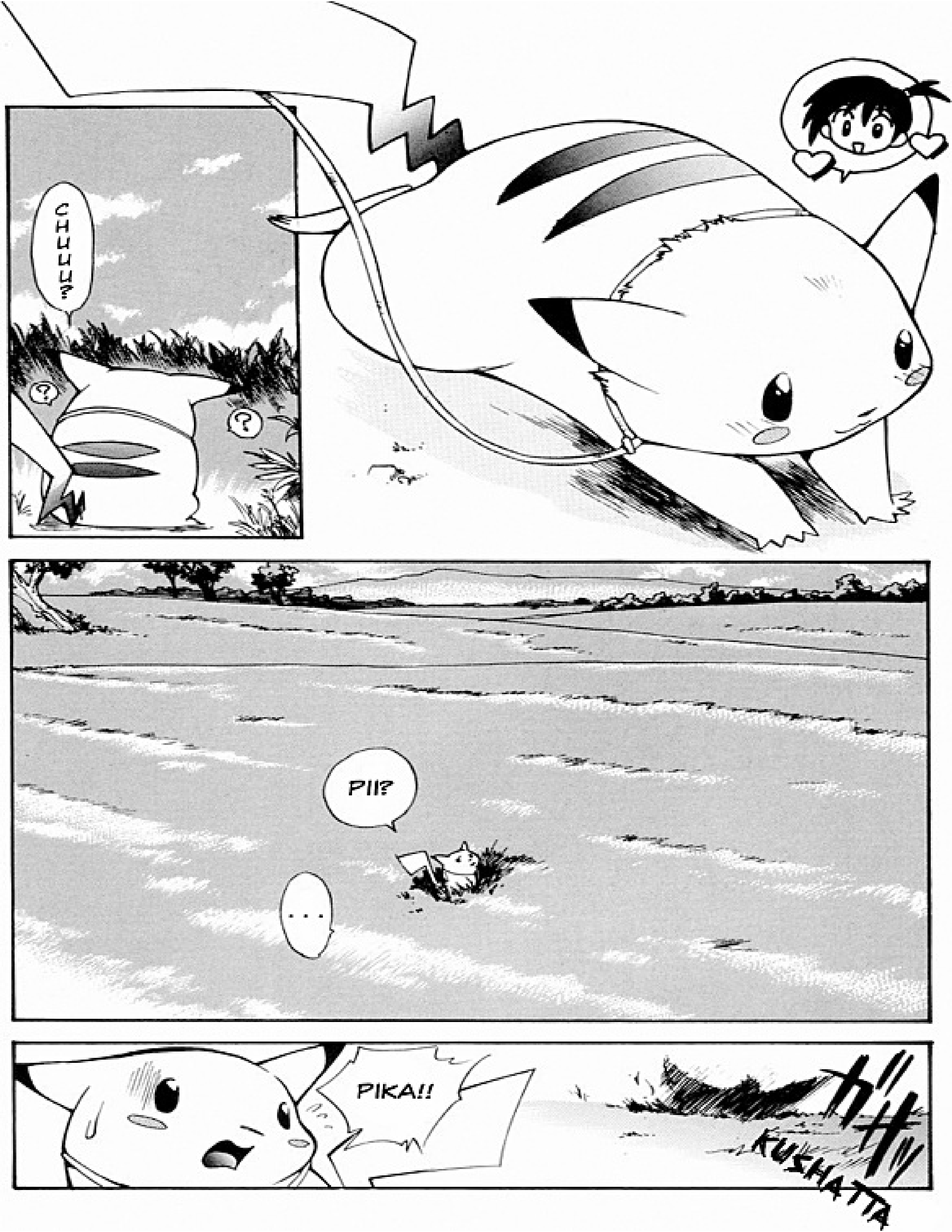

GARY'S SISTER ...
HOLD YOUR COURSE!
AND HERE'S A TOWN MAP FOR YOU.
ATLAS
WORLD MAP
MOM ...
GOOD LUCK!
I'M GONNA BE THE BEST!
THAT SOUNDS COOL...
BUT HOW MANY YEARS WILL IT TAKE ME TO GET THERE?
POCKET

AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU CAN GET INTO YOUR POKÉ BALL.
AWW, COME ON!
KA-THUK
...CHU!
C'MON.
...KA...
THWIK
PI...
THWAK
SEE?
YOU. AND I. ARE GOOD FRIENDS!
NOW SHAKE!
OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO THE BALL.
SO LET'S BE FRIENDS, OKAY?
SEVERAL TYPES OF POKÉMON DISLIKE POKÉ BALLS
OWWW
NO KID-DING?

BZZAAKK
WAAH!
HMM?
CHU!
SKRTCH
SKRTCH
OH, BOY! IT'S A PIKACHU! ♡
ZOOOM
YOU'RE SO CYUUTE! ♡
SQUEEZE
WHERE'D THAT GIRL COME FROM?
OH, ARE YOU IT'S OWNER?

WHO SAID I WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU?
OH!
I DON'T WANT IT ANYWAY.
NO MATTER.
WATER POKÉMON DON'T GET ALONG WITH ELECTRIC POKÉMON.
PI-
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE IN TRAINING TO BE A PRO POKÉMON TRAINER, TOO?
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
UMM-UH-MISS?
THE NAME IS MISTY!
PURRR


EVERY YEAR, SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTEMPT TO BECOME PRO POKÉMON TRAINERS.
1000 APPLI-CANTS
BUT ONLY ABOUT 20% PASS THE TEST TO BECOME PROS.
200 PROS
AND AFTER THAT, ONLY 5% ARE ABLE TO STAY ACTIVE IN THE LEAGUE FOR MORE THAN SIX SEASONS.
10 MASTERS
IT'S CERTAINLY NO WALK IN THE ZOO!
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO CAN RAISE A POKÉMON.
SEE YA!
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS!?
HUH, PIKA-CHU?
WHA-
IT'S GONE AGAIN!



CHUUU?
PII?
...
PIKA!!
KUSHATTA

BZATT
BZATT
BZATT
PII!!
KAW
BZATT
KAWW
KAWW
FWAPP
KAW
FWAPP
SIGH
SKEEEEEHH
PI-
PIII!
KAWW
KAWW
KAWW
KAWW

KAWW
KAWW
KAWW
THERE YOU ARE!
PIKACHU! ANSWER ME!
BZZAKK
BZZAKK
CHUU!
TAKK
TAKK
PIKA . . .
CHUUU
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PIKA-CHU?
KAWW
KAWW
KAWW
HEY YOU!
GET AWAY FROM HIM!!
PANT
PANT

OH NO! PIKACHU'S HEALTH HAS DROPPED NEARLY TO ZERO!
PEEEEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
CRITICAL CONDITION
I GOTTA GET IT TO A POKÉMON CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM!
WHOOOOOSSHH
OH, NO!

FLAPPA
FLAPPA
FLAPPA
IT'S A FEAROW!!
GYAWW
KAWW
KAWW
WH-OO-AAA!
WHAP
THE SPEAROWS ARE HANGING OUT WITH THEIR EVOLVED FORM!
WHOK
THOK

SIGH
KA-CHINK
HMM?
HEY! THAT'S MY BIKE!
I'M JUST BORROWING IT!
ZZZHHHAAAAAAHH
WHAT'S THAT IDIOT UP TO NOW?
FSSHHH
PI...

WE'RE ALMOST THERE! HANG ON, PIKACHU!
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
GYAWW
GYAW
YOW!
OWW! OWW!
FWAPP
FWAPP
FWAPP
KAWW
KAWW
KAWW
KAW
FWAPP

PI!?
HUFF HUFF
FLIP
GYAWW
I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU HURT MY PARTNER, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO ME!
JUST HOLD ON A BIT LONGER PIKACHU!
I'LL PRO-TECT YOU!
KAWW KAWW
KAW
KAW
GYAWW
KAW
KAWW
FSSSHHH

GYAW
GYAWW
FLAPPA
FLAPPA
FLAPPA

FWAP
FWAP
!!
PI!!
PIKA-
CHU!?

BZZAAKK
BZZAAKK
BZZAAKK

PUSHAAAAA
VOOOOH
POKÉ BALL
GO!!
WOW, PIKACHU PARALYZED IT WITH ONE BLAST!
OH, YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT...
VWOOM
KA-CHAK

ZWHOO
SHOOP
TA-
TUMP
PING
WE CAUGHT IT!
PI...
WE DID IT PIKA-CHU!
OUR FIRST POKÉMON CAPTURE!
!?

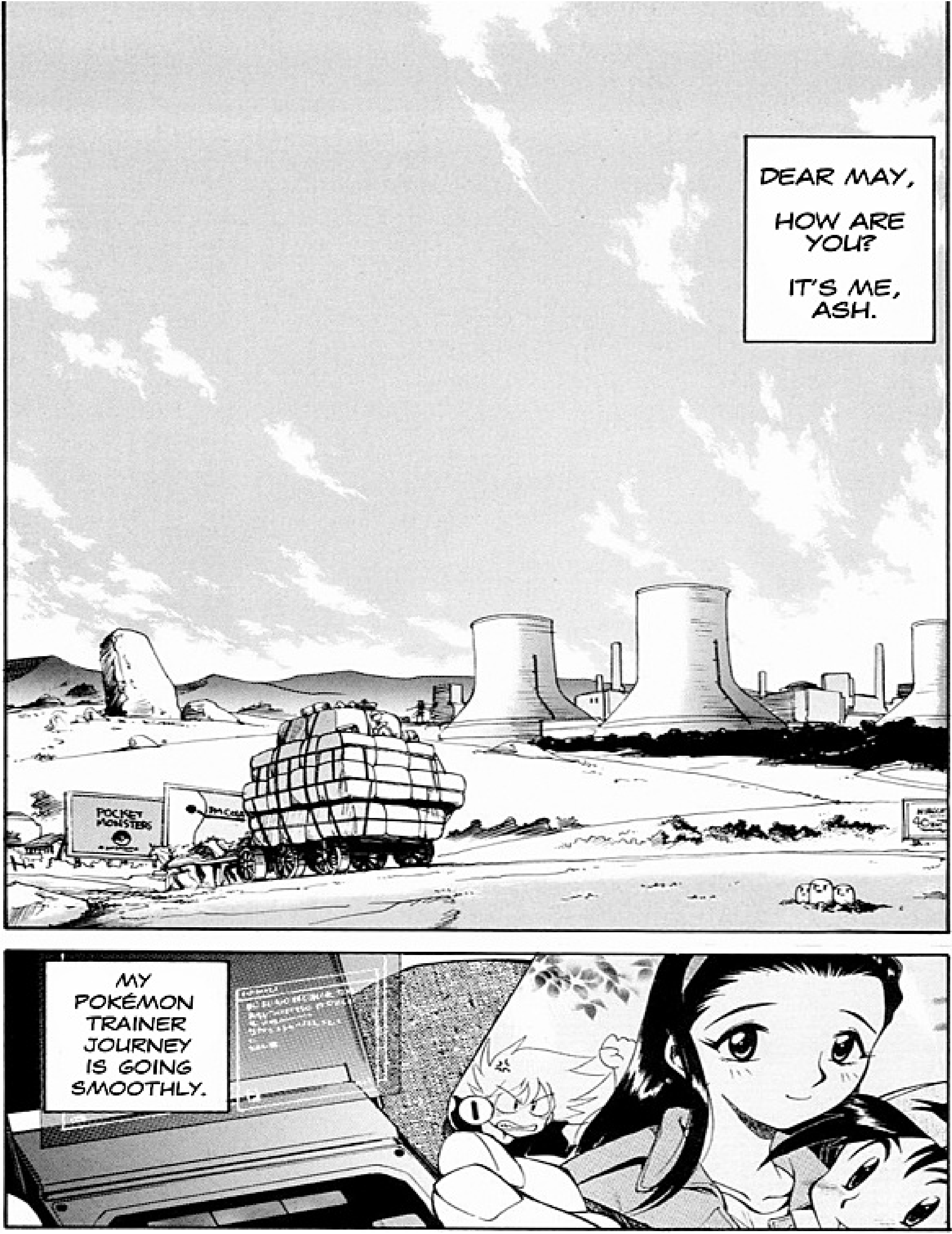
PIKACHU!!!
FSSHHH
FSSHHH
FSSHHH

AT THE POKÉ-MON CENTER ...
けろり!
TA-DAAH!
CHUUUU!
PM CENTER
ALL RIGHT!
PI!
きゅっ
HUGG
CHU?
しゅる
SHLIP
I'M SOR-RY.
YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THIS ANY MORE.
OH!
I THOUGHT I WAS FORGETTING SOMETHING. I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU A NAME YET!
ANY IDEAS THEN?
WHAT WOULD SUIT YOU?
CHUUU.
"PIKA?"
PI?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU!!
WHAM
?

YOU MESSED UP MY BIKE!
AND I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PAY!
CRMBLE
DON'T MOVE A MUS-CLE!
OH, NO!
LET'S GO, PIKACHU!
OUR JOUR-NEY...
HAS JUST BEGUN!

WHAT'CHA THINK YER DOIN' WITH MY SISTER!!
BABUMP BABUMP
BABUMP BABUMP
CHEESE

CHAPTER 2
PLAY MISTY FOR ME


DEAR MAY,
HOW ARE YOU?
IT'S ME, ASH.
POCKET MONSTERS
MY POKÉMON TRAINER JOURNEY IS GOING SMOOTHLY.

PIKACHU I FOUND IT IN THE WALL AT HOME.
I'VE CAUGHT FOUR POKÉMON ALREADY!
AND THEY'RE ALL TOO CUTE FOR WORDS!
FEAROW THE FIRST POKÉMON I CAUGHT WITH PIKACHU'S HELP.
PIDGEOTTO I NABBED IT BEFORE I KNEW IT.
CATERPIE I CAUGHT THIS ONE WHEN IT LET ITS GUARD DOWN.
GUESS I BETTER WATCH MY STEP!
OOH!
I'M SO SCARED!
12 YEARS OLD
LEM-ME SEE!
SO YOU'RE INTO OLDER WOMEN, HUH?
AHH! HEY!
GIVE IT BACK OR ELSE!
10 YEARS OLD

HOW COME YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME AROUND, ANYWAY?
SAY THAT AGAIN!
GRNCH GRNCH
YOU'RE IN NO DANGER.
I DON'T LIKE TOMBOYS.
WRECKAGE AFTER PIKACHU'S THUNDERSHOCK ATTACK
BECAUSE, YOU'RE GONNA PAY ME BACK FOR MY BIKE -WHICH YOU TRASHED!
YOU'RE MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL.
BIKES COME CHEAP!
IT WAS CUSTOM BUILT! LOOK HOW MUCH IT COST...
BIP
GAK!

$10,000

I CAN'T BURDEN THEM WITH MY DEBTS.
WHEN I LEFT HOME, I VOWED I WOULDN'T RETURN UNTIL I HAD BECOME A POKÉMON MASTER!
HUH?
THEN YOUR PARENTS WILL HAVE TO PAY ME BACK.
NO!
NO TEN-YEAR-OLD HAS THAT KIND OF MONEY!
PI?
LET'S GO, PIKA-CHU!
SO WHEN I'M RICH AND FAMOUS, I'LL EXPECT YOUR BILL.
STOP RIGHT THERE!

TO BECOME A POKÉMON MASTER, IT ISN'T ENOUGH JUST TO RAISE POKÉMON.
YOU MUST ALSO BATTLE THE LEADERS OF EACH POKÉMON GYM AND COLLECT BADGES TO DOCUMENT YOUR VICTORIES.
PEWTER CITY GYM
IF YOU WANT THIS BOULDER BADGE, YOU'LL HAVE TO BEAT ME!
YOU'RE ON!
POKÉ BALL, GO!!

YES!
I...
I LOST!!

SHUCKS, I'M BLUSH-ING.
HEH HEH
I HAVE JUST WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF A FUTURE POKÉMON MASTER WHO WILL CARVE HIS NAME INTO...
THE ANNALS OF HIS-TORY!
THANK YOU FOR THE MATCH.
IMPRESSIVE, YOUNG MAN. YOU ARE NOT UNSKILLED.
GLINT
THAT'S ONE DOWN...

DO YOU HAVE ANY BADGES, MISTY?
I'LL NEVER TELL.
I'LL BET YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE!
WANNA RICE BALL?
GRRR
I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN A LITTLE OVER YOUR HEAD...
BUT I'M GLAD YOU FOUND A GENEROUS POKÉMON MASTER.
YOU LIKE YOUR POKÉCHOW, PIKACHU?
ARE YOU FEEDING THEM YOUR ORIGINAL RECIPE?
PII.
SURE AM!
Y'SEE, THEY'RE ALL PICKY EATERS.
THE FEAROW ONLY LIKES DUMPLINGS WITH SOY-SAUCE.
AND PIKA-CHU...
BLECH

MEET JEAN LUC PIKACHU!
PII!
HOW "ENGA-GING."
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU HAVEN'T NAMED YOUR POKÉMON YET, HAVE YOU?
I HAVE TOO.
SWOO
HUH?
AND CATER-PIE...
OOHH
WALTER PIDGE-OTTO...
FEAR-LESS...
FELIX THE CAT-ERPIE?
WHAT'S WRONG, FELIX!?
SWOOO

TA-DAH
METAPOD
ARE YOU SICK!?
OH, THAT. IT'S JUST STARTING TO EVOLVE.
CATERPIE ARE THE FASTEST EVOLVING POKÉMON.
WOO
SWOO
WOO
SHUU
ALL RIGHT!
I GOT A METAPOD!
WOO HOO
DON'T LET IT OUTDO YOU, PIKACHU!
TRY TO EVOLVE, TOO!
PIKA!
PIKACHU CAN'T EVOLVE WITHOUT THE AID OF A THUNDERSTONE.
PI!
BZZT
PII! PIII!
BZZT

OH BOY!
YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! I CAN FEEL IT!
PIKAA!
HAVING FUN?
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING TO CERULEAN CITY!?
WELL, THE WAY I SEE IT, THE FIRST BADGE WAS PRETTY EASY.
I FIGURE I'LL JUST PICK UP ANOTHER ONE AND BE ON MY WAY.
YOU'LL JUST "PICK UP ANOTHER ONE"...?

...
!
I'LL BE A MASTER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR NEW BIKE SOON.
SEE YA!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
I COULD SURE TEACH HIM A THING OR TWO!
JERK
CERULEAN CITY
BAKCHOS II

CERULEAN GYMNASIUM.
THE WATER POKÉMON AQUARIUM.
HEY, TRAI-NER!
IS ANYBODY HERE!?
CAN I HELP YOU?
HUH!?

E-EXCUSE ME...
I WAS HOPING TO BATTLE THE MASTER OF THIS GYM...
WELL, AREN'T YOU THE HUNKY LITTLE CHALLENGER?
I ASSUME YOU'LL BE FIGHTING FOR THE CASCADE BADGE?
VIOLET! LILY!
DOES ONE OF YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO SPARE?
WHAT'S UP, DAISY?

GEEZ!
CHECK OUT THE THREE BEAUTIFUL SISTERS, PIKACHU!
AND THEY'RE ALL MAS-TERS!
PI-CHUU.
I CAN DO IT, I GUESS.
LET ME, LET ME! C'MON BIG SISTER!
THIS BOY HERE WOULD LIKE TO COMPETE FOR A BADGE.
THE YOUNGEST SISTER WILL TAKE THIS ONE ON!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BIG SIS!
COME THIS WAY, PLEASE.
YES MA'AM!
BOB BOB

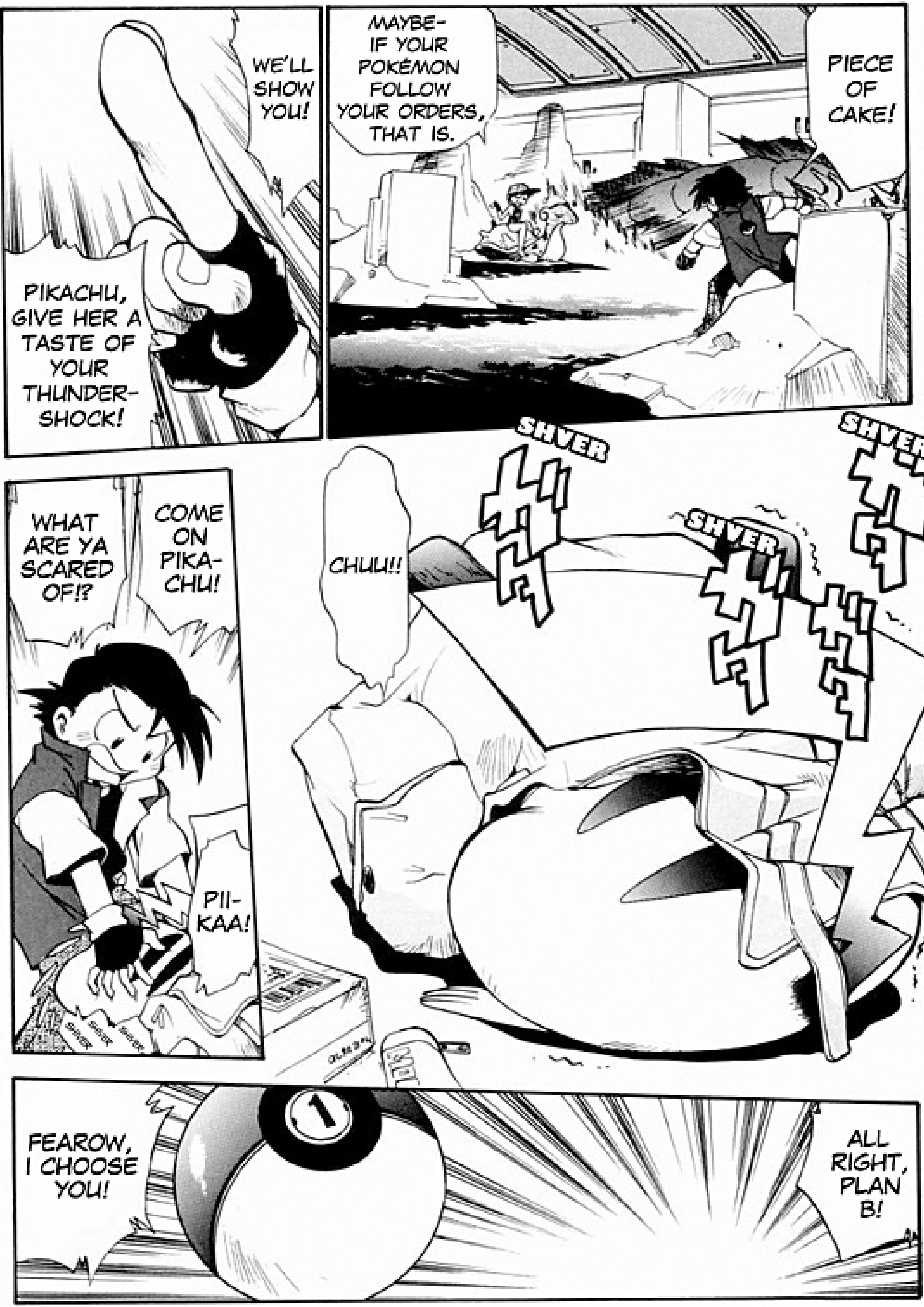
MISTY! WEL-COME HOME!
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE. DIDJA ACTUALLY CATCH A POKÉMON OR TWO?
YER NOT KID-DING?
DIDJA HAVE FUN?
TMP
TMP
TMP
HUH? MISTY!?
YOU'RE THEIR LITTLE SISTER?
YER KID-DING, RIGHT?
ASH, YOU WILL NEVER FORGET...
...THE FOUR SISTERS OF CERULEAN!
YOU MEAN, "THE THREE SISTERS AND THE LOSER"!
THWAKAAM

THIS IS OUR POKÉMON PRACTICE ARENA.
THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE HERE.
AWW MAN!
I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE WATER POKÉMON! WHAT'LL I DO?
GRND GRND

STOP STARING!
GOMPH
HOW AM I GONNA BEAT HER...?
SHE NEVER TOLD ME SHE WAS A MASTER...
AND I DON'T TRUST MISTY...
GLUB
PI?
CHUUU...

YAAHHH!
CHOMP
ZHAASHH

LIS-TEN ASH.
IT WAS YOUR IDEA TO CHALLENGE US AT OUR GYM.
TH-THAT WAS A DIRTY TRICK!
N-N-NO FAIR USING A GYARADOS!
SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER
CHUUU
SPLASH
YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH FIRST.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR POKÉMON.
SPLASH
HUH? MY CAP!
WHEN DID YOU-?
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S GET STARTED. IF YOUR POKÉMON CAN TAKE THIS CAP BACK FROM ME...
...THE BADGE IS YOURS.

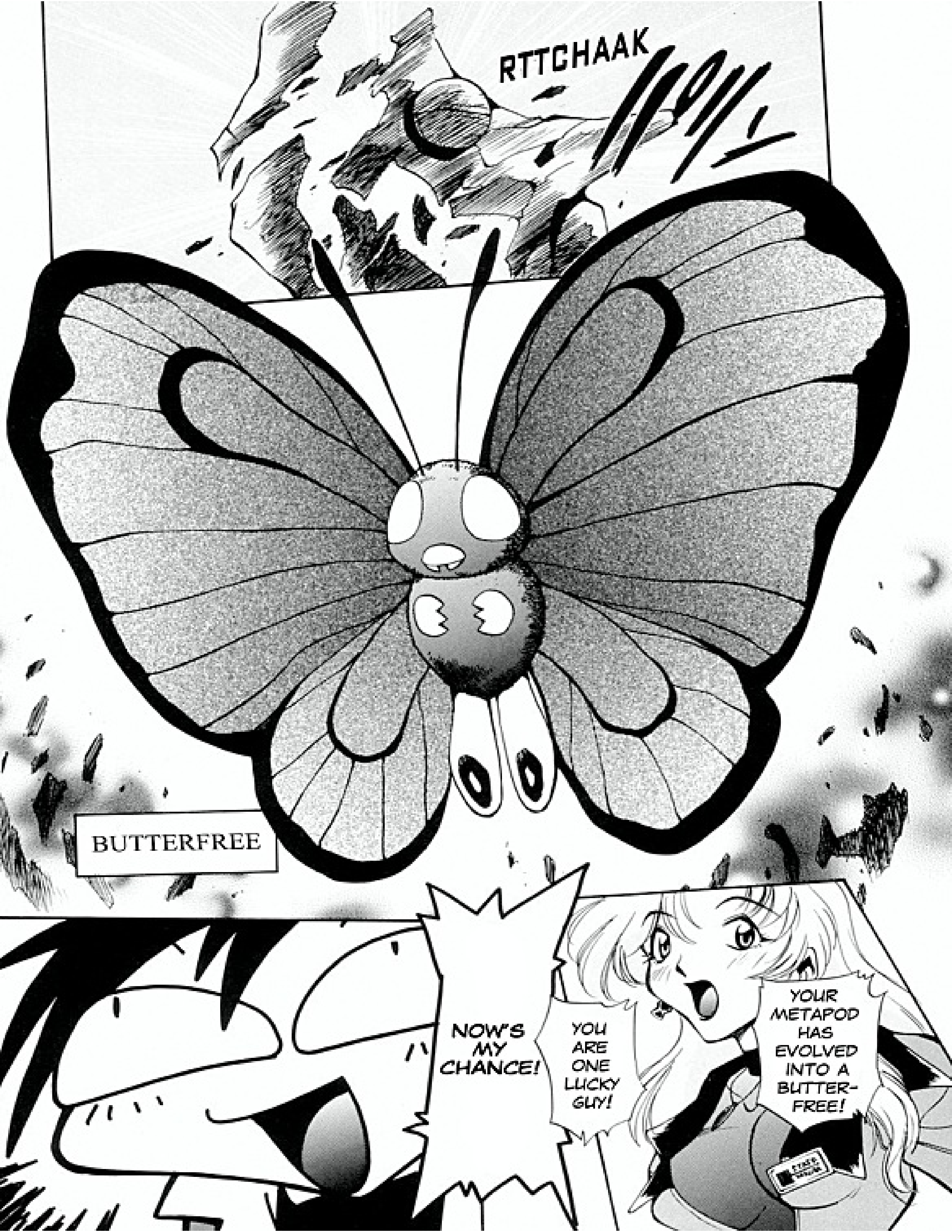

WE'LL SHOW YOU!
PIKACHU, GIVE HER A TASTE OF YOUR THUNDER-SHOCK!
MAYBE- IF YOUR POKÉMON FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, THAT IS.
PIECE OF CAKE!
COME ON PIKA-CHU!
WHAT ARE YA SCARED OF!?
PII-KAA!
SHVER
SHVER
SHVER
CHUU!!
ALL RIGHT, PLAN B!
FEAROW, I CHOOSE YOU!

WAKE UP, DARN YOU!
GWAZZZ
FWAP
FWAP
GAK!
BEAUTY SLEEP, PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB -FEAROW
GEEZ!
GO FOR IT, PIDGEOTTO!
FEAR-OW!
YOU COME BACK HERE!
I'm Beat! Off to get some R and R. Dont forget to write. -Pidgeotto

GOSH, ALL I HAVE LEFT IS METAPOD.
BUT LEAVING THE BATTLE ALL UP TO IT...
GAZOING
ALL METAPOD CAN DO IS HARDEN
...WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD.
UGH...
SPLASH
THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE.
SPLOOSH

PII!
PII!
JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT KIND OF TRAINER YOU ARE!
NOT ONE OF THEM DID AS THEY WERE TOLD.
I GUESS I JUST GOT A LITTLE FULL OF MYSELF.
IT'S OKAY, PIKACHU. I WON'T FORCE YOU TO FIGHT.
PI!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUB IT IN, MISTY!
YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR TEACHING YOU A VALUABLE LESSON.
FINALLY YOU'RE GETTIN' IT.
TMP

GYARADOS HERE EVOLVED FROM MY FIRST POKÉMON, A MAGIKARP THAT I CAUGHT AND RAISED.
IT'LL EVEN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AS SPECIFIC AS "GO GET THAT GUY'S HAT."
BUT YOU JUST PET AND PLAY WITH YOUR POKÉMON LIKE THEY'RE TOYS!
HOW CAN YOU GAIN THEIR CONFI-DENCE THAT WAY!
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
OH GOD. SHE'S OFF ON ONE OF HER LECTURES.
SHE'LL GO ON FOR HOURS.
HUH?
L-LOOK AT META-POD!
CRAKLE
CRAKLE
CRAKLE
KA-KRAK


RTTCHAAK
BUTTERFREE
YOUR METAPOD HAS EVOLVED INTO A BUTTER-FREE!
YOU ARE ONE LUCKY GUY!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!

UMMM...
WHAT'S BUTTER-FREE'S BEST ATTACK?
BIP
BIP
SLEEP POW-DER!
BUTTER-FREE, SPREAD YOUR SLEEP POWDER ALL OVER!
FLUTTA
FLUTTA
OH, NO!
FSSHH
FSSHH
FSSHH
FSSHH

GWASH
YAA-AAA-AAHH!
GYA-RA-DOS!
NNNN
PIKACHU, GO!
PIKA-CHUUUU!

HERE, PIKACHU! YOUR FAVOURITE SNACK!
I ANTICI-PATED THIS...
PI!! ♥
YOU PLAY DIRTY!
VISSHH
A SNACK, EH?
!
I'VE GOT IT!
FEAR-OW!

!?
KA- SPLORCH
ビシャッ
OWW!
WHAT THE-?
SOY SAUCE ...?
AND DUMP- LINGS? FEAROW FOOD!?
FWAP
FWAP
KA- CHOK
ARRGH!

AND THE CAP IS MINE!!!
BUTTER-FREE, YOU ARE ONE SMOOTH BUG!
FLUT-TER
FLUT-TER
NNNNNNN
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

CASCADE BADGE
POKÉMON
TA-DAAHH
I'M D'-MAN!
WHAT!?
NO WAY! HE WON THAT BY ACCI-DENT!
IF HE GETS TO BE A MASTER LIKE THAT, OUR REPUTATION-
SUCCESS IS PART-IALLY TAKING ADVAN-TAGE OF GOOD LUCK.
YOU'RE JUST A SORE LOSER!
OH MIS-TY...
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE TOO HARD ON HIM?
HUH?
...THAT BABY SISTER MISTY HAS A THING FOR YOUNGER MEN!
YOUR SISTERS MIGHT GET THE IDEA...
WH-?
WHA-?

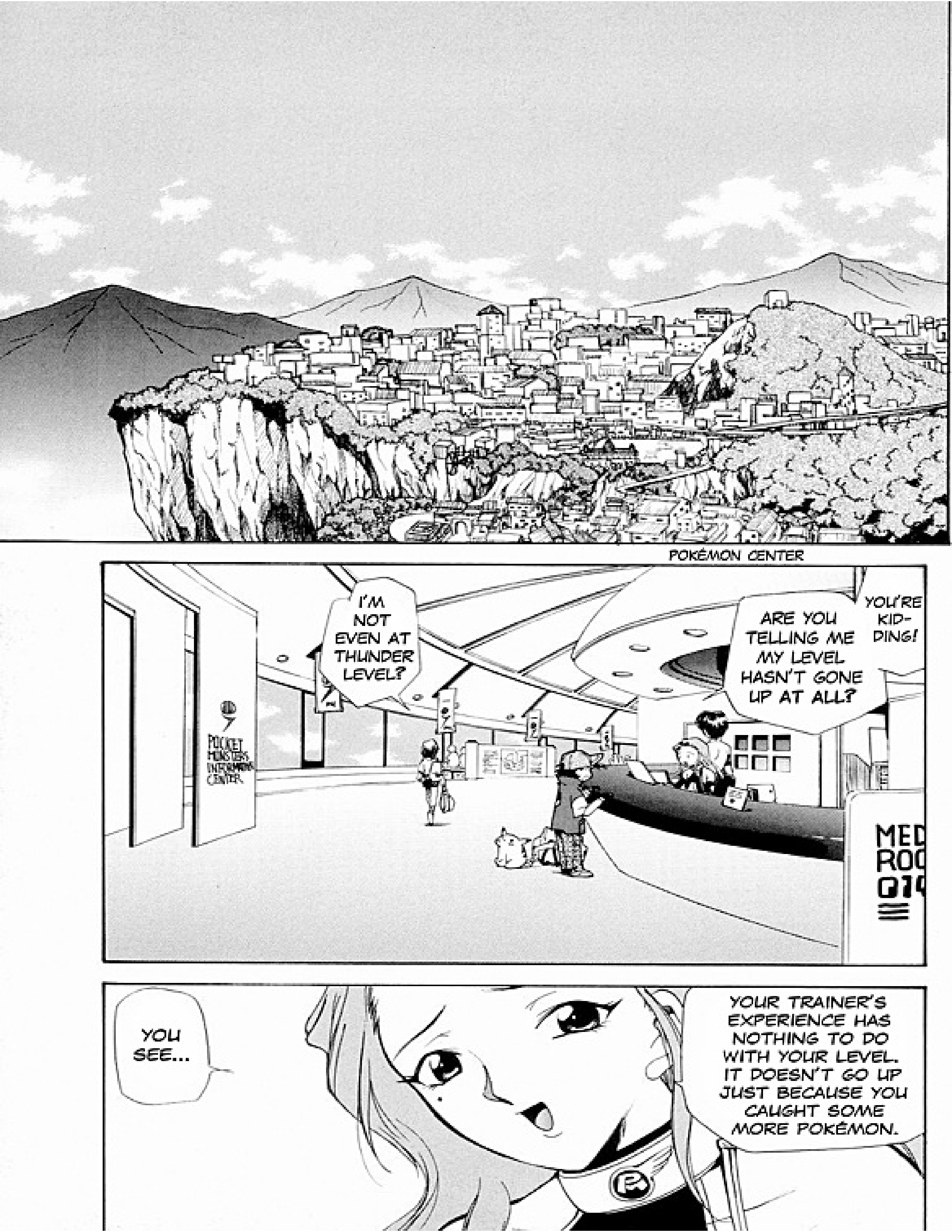
OHHH NOOO
NO BOY IS SAFE AROUND A GIRL LIKE YOU!
WAAH! I'M SO SCARED!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!?
WAMMBA
WAMMBA
YARGG
WAMMBA
COME ON, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.
PII?

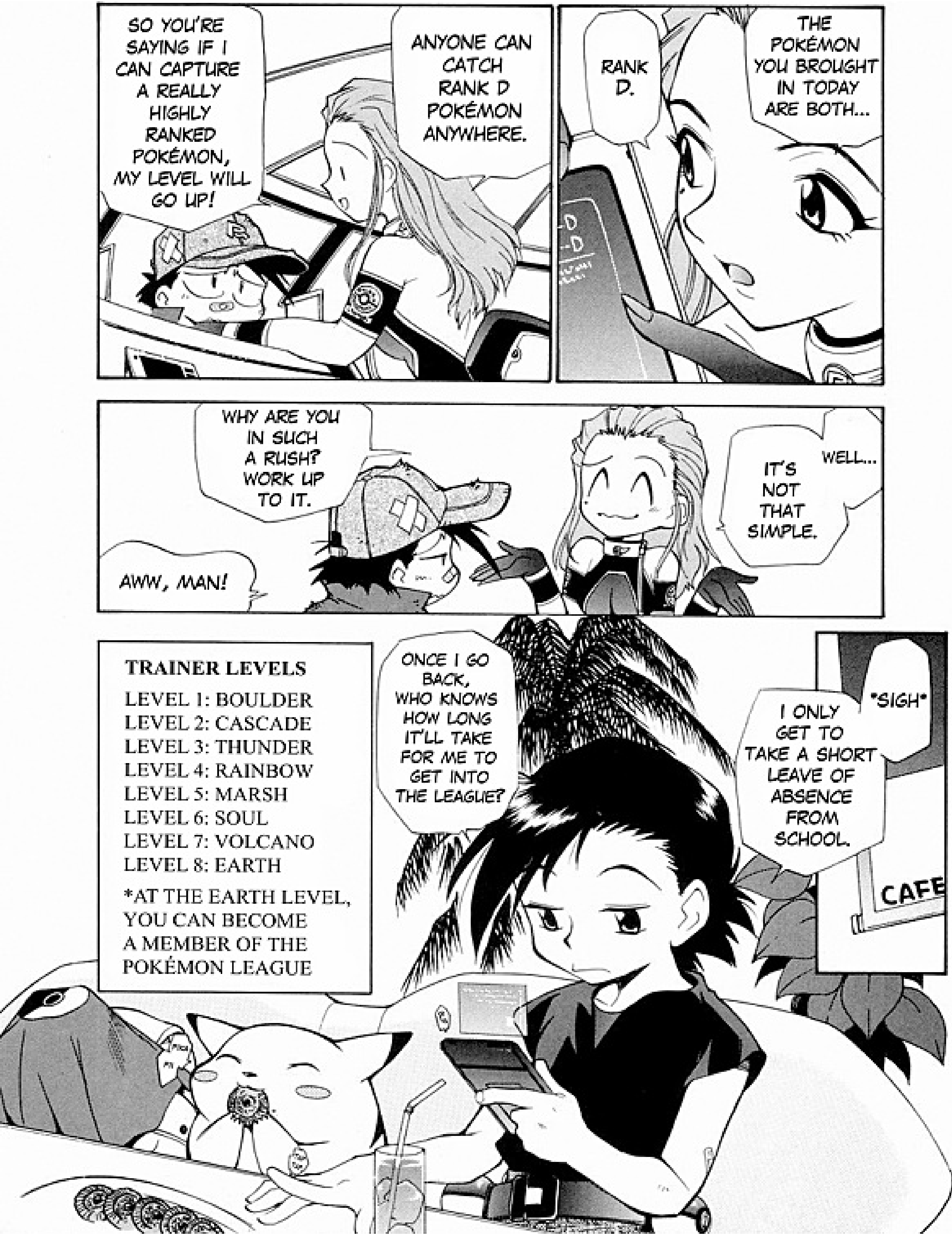
CHUUU

CHAPTER 3
CLEFAIRY TALE

KEEEYY
KEEY
THE MANKEY SPOTTED US, AND NOW THE WHOLE HERD IS MAKING A BREAK FOR IT!
KEEEYY
KEEY
FEAROW, CUT THEM OFF!
FLAPPA
KAW
FLAPPA
KEEY
KEEEYY

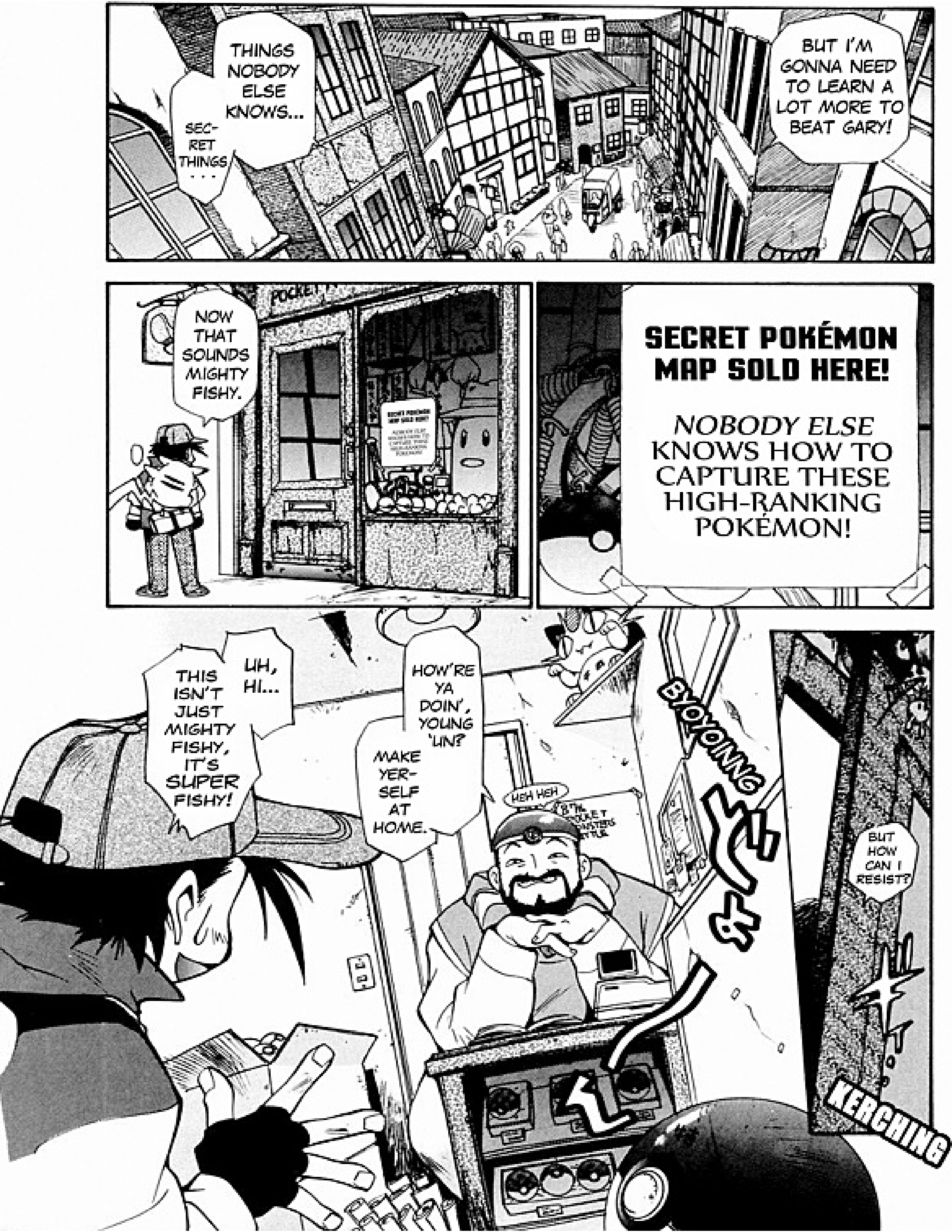
THWUMP
KEY?
KEEEYY
PIKACHU -USE YOUR THUNDER-SHOCK, NOW!
PIKA?
WHOOSH
KEEEYY
KEEY
...
BZZZZZZ
BWAZZ
KEEY KEEY
UH-OH! I'M IN DEEP DOO-DOO NOW!!
PIKA!!


POKÉMON CENTER
YOU'RE KIDDING!
ARE YOU TELLING ME MY LEVEL HASN'T GONE UP AT ALL?
I'M NOT EVEN AT THUNDER LEVEL?
POCKET MONSTERS INFORMATION CENTER
YOUR TRAINER'S EXPERIENCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR LEVEL. IT DOESN'T GO UP JUST BECAUSE YOU CAUGHT SOME MORE POKÉMON.
YOU SEE...



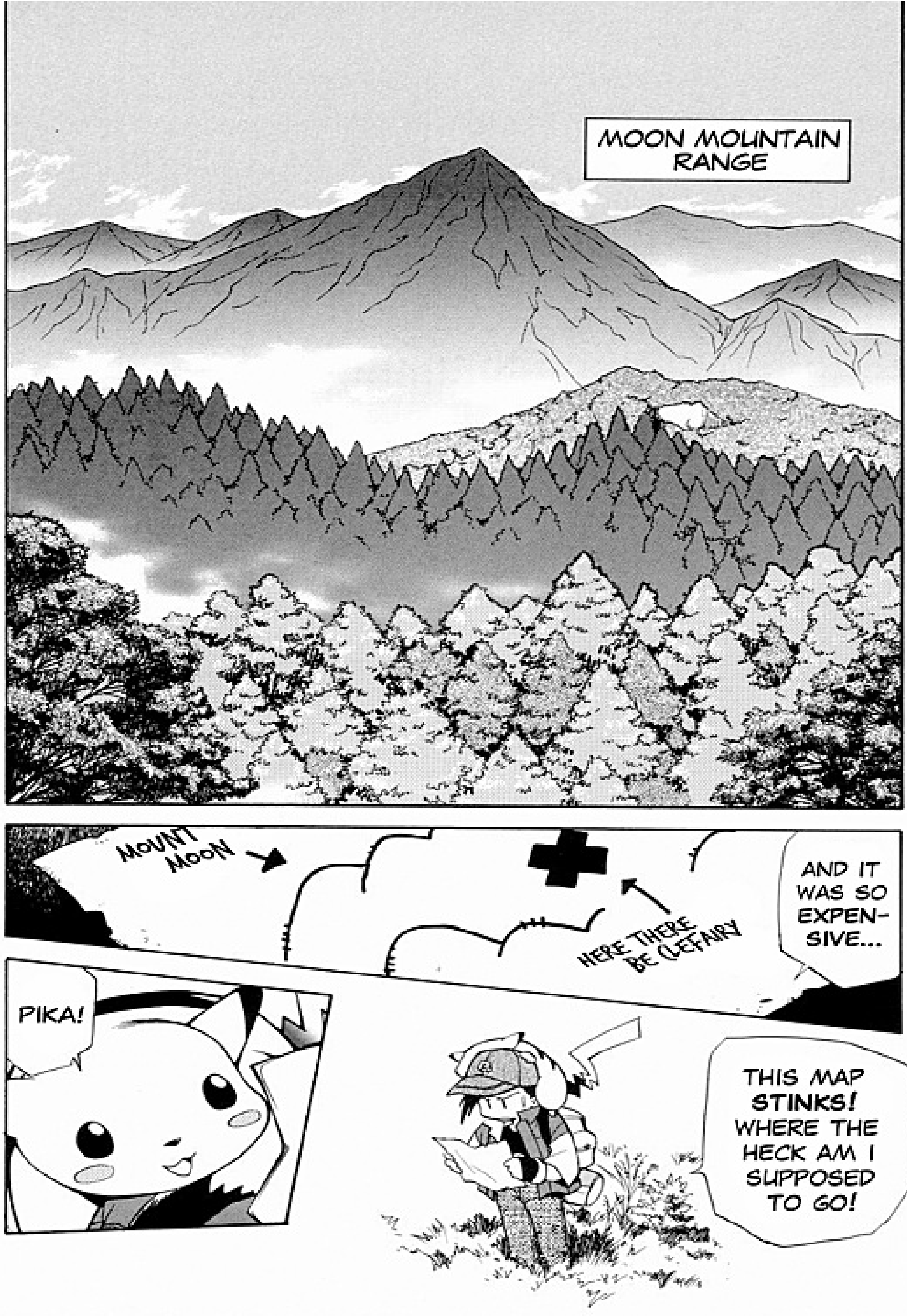
SO YOU'RE SAYING IF I CAN CAPTURE A REALLY HIGHLY RANKED POKÉMON, MY LEVEL WILL GO UP!
ANYONE CAN CATCH RANK D POKÉMON ANYWHERE.
THE POKÉMON YOU BROUGHT IN TODAY ARE BOTH...
RANK D.
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH? WORK UP TO IT.
AWW, MAN!
WELL...
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.
TRAINER LEVELS
LEVEL 1: BOULDER
LEVEL 2: CASCADE
LEVEL 3: THUNDER
LEVEL 4: RAINBOW
LEVEL 5: MARSH
LEVEL 6: SOUL
LEVEL 7: VOLCANO
LEVEL 8: EARTH
*AT THE EARTH LEVEL, YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE
ONCE I GO BACK, WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE FOR ME TO GET INTO THE LEAGUE?
SIGH
I ONLY GET TO TAKE A SHORT LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.
CAFE

THIS TRAINING JOURNEY ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR AS FUN AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!
RANKS! LEVELS! THIS IS NO BETTER THAN SCHOOL!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST QUIT...
I HEAR YOU CAUGHT A RANK-A POKÉMON!!
EASY AS PIE!
YOU'RE INCRED-IBLE, GISELLE!
GEEZ
HA HA HA HA
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T AMOUNT TO NOTHIN'!
GRRR
ASH?
I BAKED THIS BEAUTIFUL PIE AND NOBODY WANTS TO EAT IT WITH ME!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
...
I WONDER WHAT EVERY-BODY'S UP TO BACK HOME.
PIKA?
THERE'S NO WAY I'M CRAWLING HOME WITH MY TAIL BETWEEN MY LEGS!
I CAN'T GIVE UP!
WHOK


THINGS NOBODY ELSE KNOWS...
SEC-RET THINGS . . .
BUT I'M GONNA NEED TO LEARN A LOT MORE TO BEAT GARY!
NOW THAT SOUNDS MIGHTY FISHY.
SECRET POKÉMON MAP SOLD HERE!
NOBODY ELSE KNOWS HOW TO CAPTURE THESE HIGH-RANKING POKÉMON!
UH, HI...
THIS ISN'T JUST MIGHTY FISHY, IT'S SUPER FISHY!
HOW'RE YA DOIN', YOUNG 'UN?
MAKE YER-SELF AT HOME.
HEH HEH
BYOYOING
BUT HOW CAN I RESIST?
KERCHING

WELL GOSH, THIS HERE MAP COULD TELL YA 'ZACTLY WHERE TA FIND A CLEFAIRY.
HEH HEH
OUCH.
BULL'S-EYE.
HEH HEH
GEE WHIZ! AND I'LL BET YOU WAS JUST WONDERIN' HOW TA KETCH UP TA YER GREATEST RIVAL.
BE SEE-IN' YA!
S-SORRY, WRONG SHOP!
CLEFAIRY
HEIGHT: 2'0"
WEIGHT: 17LBS
TEMPERAMENT: CUTE
RANK: A
REALLY?
A CLEF-AIRY?
RRGH...
SO...
D'YA WANT IT OR NOT?
YES SIR!
Y'KEN BET-CHER LIFE ON IT!
CAN I TRUST A MAP LIKE THIS?

IF I MANAGE TO BAG A CLEF-AIRY...
...MY LEVEL WILL SKY-ROCKET...
...RIGHT INTO THE LEA-GUE!
BWA HA HA
TWIRL TWIRL
TWIRL TWIRL
HOW MUCH?
FER YOU?
JUS' 100 CLAMS!
THAT'S ROB-BERY!
CAN'T YOU GIVE ME A DISCOUNT?
WELL, IF YA WERE TA TRADE ME THAT THERE PIKACHU...
HOW 'BOUT A MANKEY INSTEAD?
ALL RIGHT!
I GOT A SECRET MAP!


MOON MOUNTAIN RANGE
MOUNT MOON
HERE THERE BE CLEFAIRY
AND IT WAS SO EXPEN-SIVE...
PIKA!
THIS MAP STINKS! WHERE THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO GO!

YOU'RE SAYING "CLEFAIRY ARE DEFINITELY SOMEWHERE IN THIS MOUNTAIN RANGE." RIGHT, PIKACHU?
PIKA.
"NEVER GIVE UP." IS THAT IT?
YOU'RE RIGHT, PIKA-CHU!
AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!
THE ONLY PROBLEM, PIKACHU...
IS THAT THIS MOUNTAIN RANGE IS SO DARN BIG!!
PIKAAAA

"DEAR DIARY, IT'S BEEN 5 DAYS SO FAR..."
"...AND WE HAVEN'T SPOTTED A SINGLE SIGN OF A CLEFAIRY."
PIK-AAA!
BUT WE WON'T GIVE UP!
[redacted]
"10 DAYS HAVE NOW PASSED."
"I FEAR THE EXPEDITION MAY BE IN JEOPARDY."
PIK-AA!
YEAH, I KNOW, I KNOW.
[redacted]
"AFTER 3 WEEKS IN THE WILD-ERNESS..."
"I WANNA GO HOME!!"
CHUUUUU
WHERE AM I!? WHAT AM I DOING HERE!?

CLEF?
CLEF-AIRY!
GOTCHA!

WAIT UP!
HOLD IT!
CLEF-AIRY!
CHU
AH-HAH ...
CLEF.
MAN!
THAT IS ONE FAST POKéMON!
PI
PI
PIKA?
DO YOU THINK THIS COULD BE ITS NEST?

NIX!
AGH! IT'S AN ONIX NEST!!
YAAAAAHH!
IT'S BLOCKING THE EXIT!
RMBL
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE! WE'VE GOTTA GO FURTHER IN, PIKACHU!
RMBL
GR-AAW
RMBL
AWW JEEZ!
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
FAI-RY?
RMBL
NIX
RMBL
RMBL

PIKA!
PIKA!
MAYBE WE CAN FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT!
WE'VE GOTTA GO INTO THAT MAZE!
THAT CLEFAIRY LED US HERE ON PURPOSE!
WE WERE TRICKED!
ZOOOM
RUMBL
RUMBL
RUMBL
I WONDER WHAT TYPE OF POKÉMON WORK BEST AGAINST ROCK POKÉMON.
THAT'S RIGHT! WATER POKÉMON!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY WATER POKÉ-MON!
BUT PEWTER CITY'S ONIX WAS AT A LOWER LEVEL, THAT'S HOW WE WERE ABLE TO BEAT IT...
WE MIGHT HAVE TO TRY AND CATCH IT.
I WONDER IF WE'RE ON ITS LUNCH MENU!
THE TUNNELS AREN'T STOP-PING IT!
PIKA PI-KAAA!

FEAROW IS USELESS IN NARROW TUNNELS LIKE THESE!
AND PIKACHU'S ELECTRIC ATTACKS AND BEEDRILL'S POISON ATTACKS AREN'T VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST ROCK TYPES.
GOTTA CHECK THE POKÉDEX...
SOMETHING HAS TO WORK!
MISTY WOULD SURE COME IN HANDY RIGHT NOW!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU PAY ME BACK FOR MY BIKE WHEN YOU SCORE SOME CASH!
I CAN'T BABYSIT YOU FOREVER!
RMMBL
RMMBL
RMMBL
WHONNGG
PIKACHU!!
A DEAD END!
OH YEAH, I SHOULD TRY USING BUTTERFREE!
IT EVEN HAS SOME KIND OF PSYCHIC ATTACK!
I WONDER IF IT'LL WORK...

BUTTER-FREE, USE YOUR PSYCHIC ATTACK!
DARN IT!
NO TIME TO THINK IT OVER!
VWOON
VWOON
VWOON
VWOON
VWOON
VWOON
KA-CHUNK
GRAR
YEAH! IT'S WORKING!
WE RULE!
HUH?

THRASH
THRASH
GRAOW
GRROARR
WHA-!?
THRASH
"WITH PSYCHIC ATTACKS, THERE'S A 10% CHANCE YOUR OPPONENT WILL BECOME CONFUSED" !?!?
NOW YOU TELL ME!
PI-KAAA !!
RMBL
RMBL
CHUUUU!
WE'RE SO DEAD!
CRASH

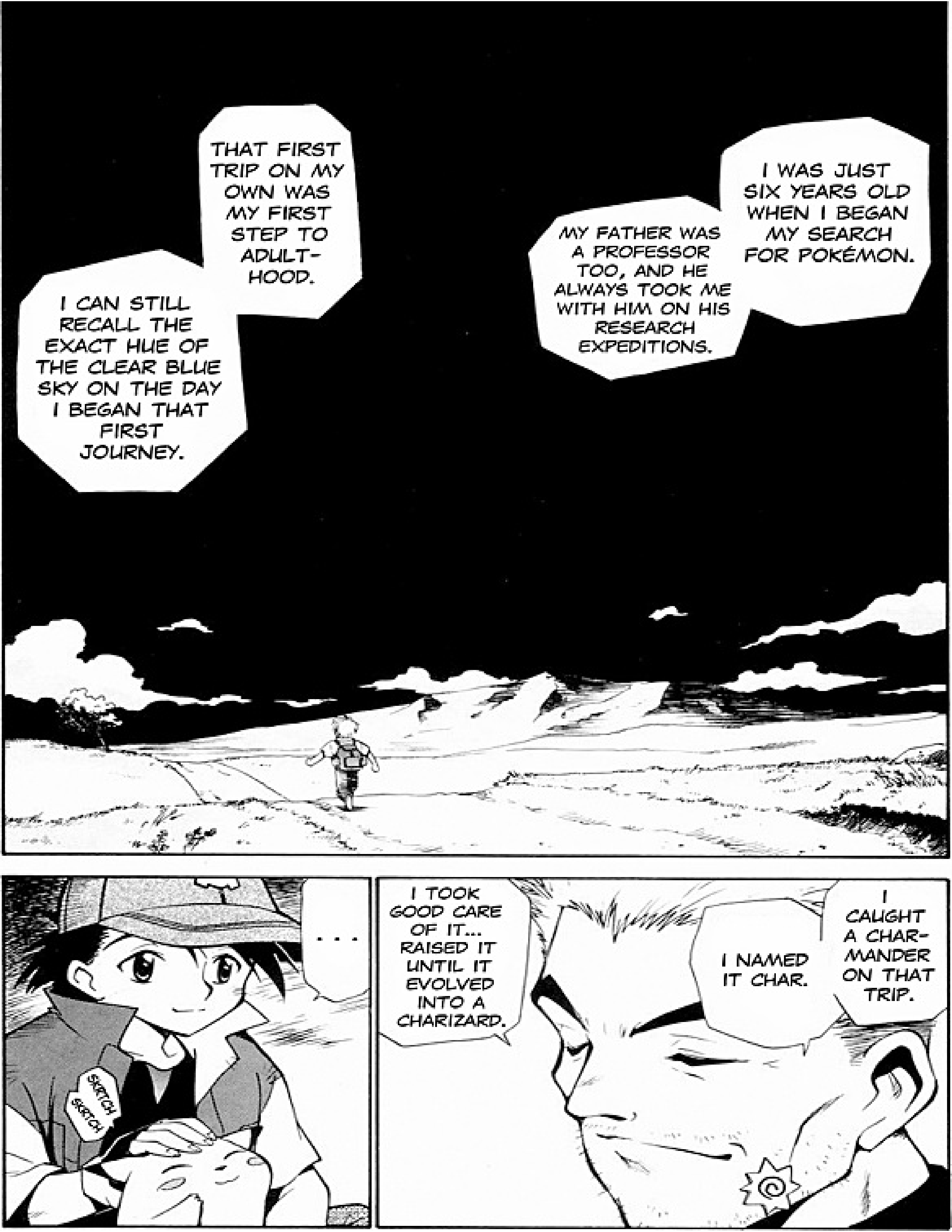
CLE-FAIRY.
CRUMBLE
[redacted]
ASH...
ASH, THE SUN'S BEEN UP FOR HOURS. TIME TO GET OUT OF BED.
OH MAY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M HERE TO FULFIL YOUR EVERY DESIRE, OF COURSE!
ARE YOU? REALLY?
THAT'S GREAT!!
SO WAKE UP THEN, SLEEPY-HEAD!
GROAN
O-OKAY!

CLEFAIRY ?
CLEF.
NNNGG
CLE-FAIR-Y ?
SLLRP SLLRP
BWOING
FEELING WORSE FOR THE WEAR?
YAAAAHHH!
IT'S A KILLER CANNI-BAL CLEF-AIRY!

YOU CAN'T BE...
AREN'T YOU PROFESSOR OAK? THE WORLD FAMOUS POKÉMON RESEARCHER?
S-SIR?
OH.
EW, YUCK!
SAY IT, DON'T SPRAY IT!
YOU IDIOT!
I'M HUMAN, DARN IT!
PIKAAAAAA!
PROFESSOR OAK
THE WORLD'S TOP POKÉMON RESEARCHER.
THE POKÉDEX REFERENCE COMPUTER, EVERY TRAINER'S BIBLE, IS THE RESULT OF PROFESSOR OAK'S DEDICATED LABOR.
SINCE HIS FACE AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH APPEAR IN THE LAST FILE OF EVERY POKÉDEX, ANYONE WHO'S ANYONE IN THE FIELD OF POKÉMON KNOWS WHO HE IS.
HE ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE GRANDFATHER OF GARY, ASH'S RIVAL.
IN THE FLESH.
B-BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WOULDN'T THAT TAKE INCREDIBLE STRENGTH?
ACTUALLY, IT WAS A CLEFAIRY WHO DUG YOU OUT OF THAT COLLAPSED TUNNEL.
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
M-MY NAME...
...IS ASH KETCHUM.
TH-THANK YOU FOR RESCUING ME, SIR.
DON'T MENTION IT.

I CALL IT THE METRONOME TECHNIQUE.
WOW!
VOOSH
CLE.
CLEFAIRY.
HAALP!!
THAT'S HOW THE CLEFAIRY SAVED YOU.
BUT NOT EVEN THE CLEFAIRY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT EFFECT IT WILL HAVE. IT'S ONE OF THOSE UNPREDICTABLE PSYCHIC POWERS.
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR CHASING YOU.
YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
THANK YOU, CLEFAIRY.
PIKKA.

I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST THREE MONTHS.
I CAME HERE TO THIS REMOTE MOUNTAIN REGION TO RESEARCH THE CLEFAIRY.
TO GET TO KNOW THE CLEFAIRY AT ALL...
...YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO LOVE AND PROTECT THEM.
REA-LLY?
OH, I SEE. SO YOU'RE A CLOSE FRIEND OF GARY.
PIKA
CHU
YEAH, SORTA...
ANYWAY, I'M TRYING TO BECOME A POKÉMON MASTER.
IT'S NO EASY TASK...
CLEF
AH, THAT BRINGS BACK MEM-ORIES.
I REMEMBER IT ALL AS IF IT WERE YESTER-DAY...

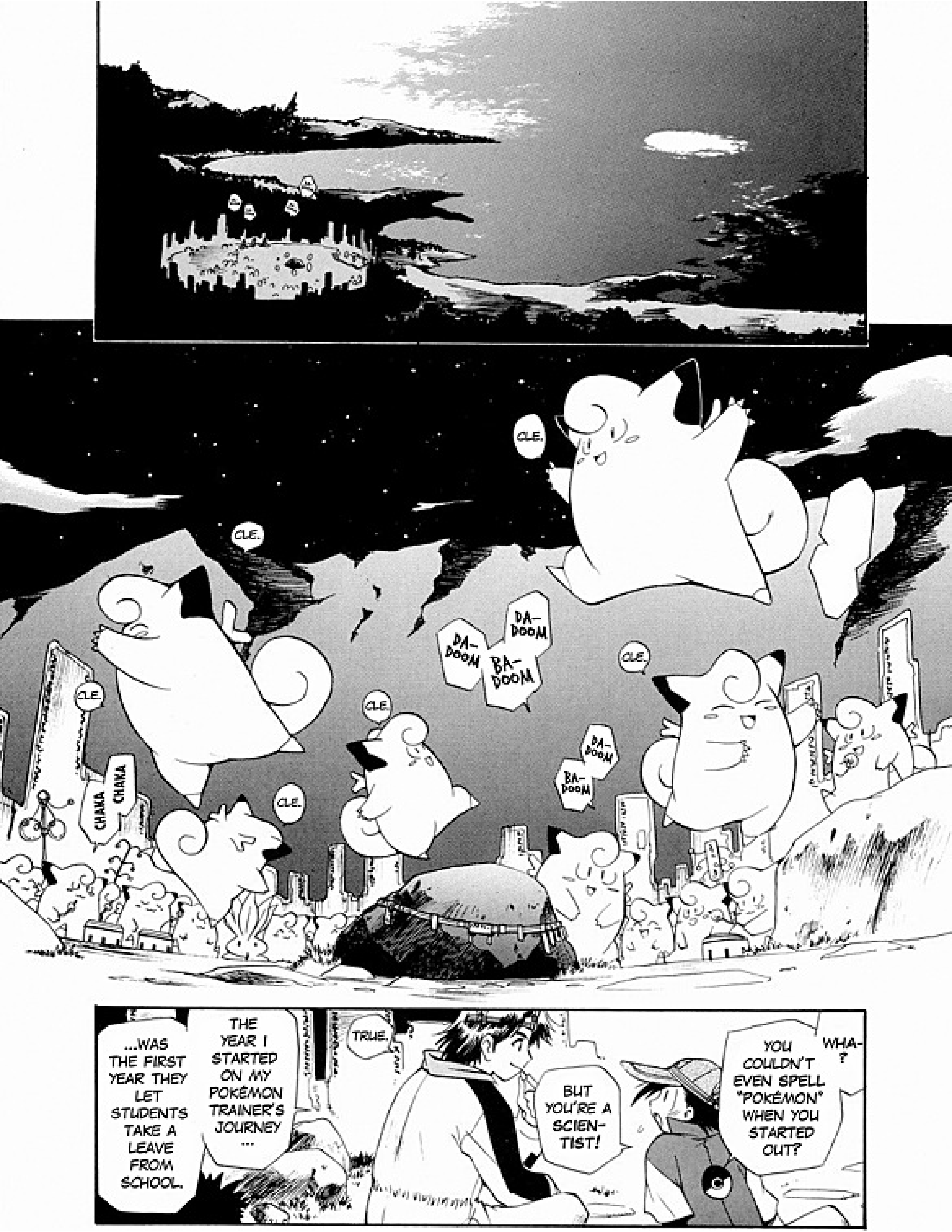

I WAS JUST SIX YEARS OLD WHEN I BEGAN MY SEARCH FOR POKÉMON.
MY FATHER WAS A PROFESSOR TOO, AND HE ALWAYS TOOK ME WITH HIM ON HIS RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS.
THAT FIRST TRIP ON MY OWN WAS MY FIRST STEP TO ADULT-HOOD.
I CAN STILL RECALL THE EXACT HUE OF THE CLEAR BLUE SKY ON THE DAY I BEGAN THAT FIRST JOURNEY.
I CAUGHT A CHAR-MANDER ON THAT TRIP.
I NAMED IT CHAR.
I TOOK GOOD CARE OF IT... RAISED IT UNTIL IT EVOLVED INTO A CHARIZARD.
. . .
SKRITCH
SKRITCH

I'LL BET YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME! SEE THE WORLD... MEETING NEW POKÉMON...
HA HA HA
YOU COULD SAY THAT ...
YOU SURE ARE ONE LUCKY GUY!
YOU GET YOURSELF LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS, ONLY TO WIND UP WITNESSING SOMETHING TRULY INCREDIBLE TOMORROW NIGHT.
"SOME-THING TRULY INCRE-DIBLE"?
PRO-FESSOR!!
SORRY I'M SO LATE. I JUST COULDN'T TEAR MYSELF AWAY FROM MY RESEARCH.
NO PROBLEM, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME. IT'S HAPPENING TONIGHT.
THAT'S AWE-SOME!
I BROUGHT THE DVD RECORDER LIKE YOU ASKED.
AND THE NOO-DLES?
OF COU-RSE!

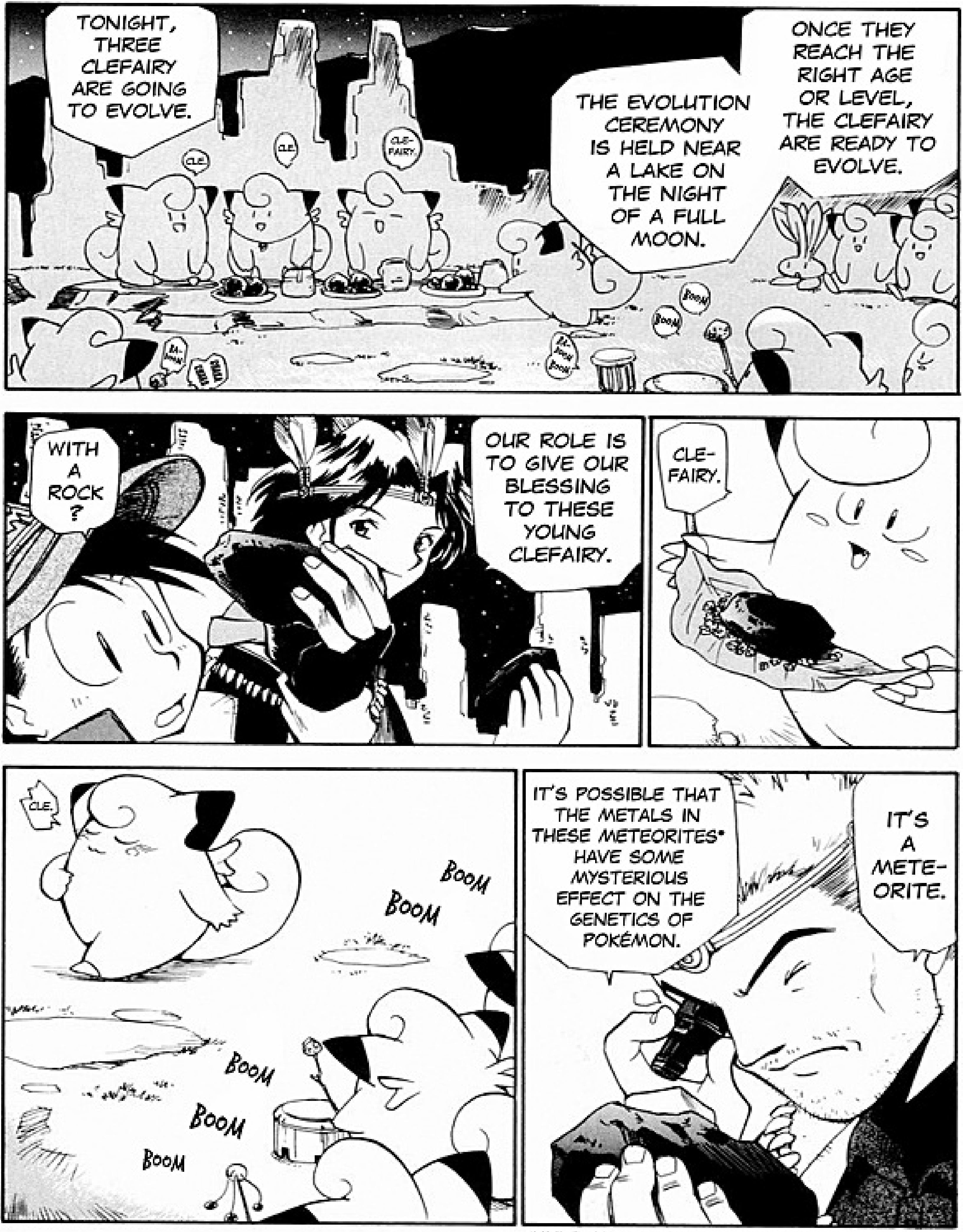
ASH, THIS YOUNG GENIUS WORKS FOR THE POKéMON CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER.
IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRO-DUCE BILL.
NICE TO MEET-CHA.
SAME HERE.
HE'S THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE POKé BALL STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM ALL YOU TRAINERS USE.
YOU'RE KIDDING! THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
HA HA HA
AWHH
YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME.
CLEF-AIRY!
CLEF-AIRY!
CLEF-AIRY!
CLEF-AIRY!
TUMPA
HI CLEF-AIRY!
YOU'RE ALL VERY CHEER-FUL TODAY!
CLEF-AIRY!
HA HA HA
BILL'S THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THIS CLEFAIRY COLONY.
HE'S GOOD FRIENDS WITH ALL OF THEM.

CLE-FAIRY.
CLE-FAIRY.
CLE-FAIRY.
WHERE ARE WE GOIN'?
AND WHY THE FEATH-ERS?

TONIGHT WE ARE TO BE THE GUESTS OF HONOR...
...AT A VERY SPECIAL CERE-MONY.
OH?
SAY, ASH?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE EVOLVED FORM OF CLEFAIRY IS?
SURE, THE CLEF-ABLE.
BUT...
THE ONLY EVIDENCE WE'VE EVER SEEN OF IT IS GENETIC ANCESTRAL DATA.
NO ONE HAS EVER ACTUALLY WITNESSED A CLEFAIRY EVOLUTION.
BUT... YOU DON'T MEAN... ?
PIKA?
YOU GUESSED IT!
WE ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE CLEFAIRY EVOLUTION FIRSTHAND!
CLE.
CLE-FAIRY.
CLE.


CLE.
CLE.
DA-DOOM
DA-DOOM
BA-DOOM
CLE.
CLE.
CLE.
CHAKA CHAKA
CLE.
DA-DOOM
BA-DOOM
...WAS THE FIRST YEAR THEY LET STUDENTS TAKE A LEAVE FROM SCHOOL.
THE YEAR I STARTED ON MY POKÉMON TRAINER'S JOURNEY ...
TRUE.
BUT YOU'RE A SCIEN-TIST!
YOU COULDN'T EVEN SPELL "POKÉMON" WHEN YOU STARTED OUT?
WHA-?

BACK THEN, I HATED SCHOOL.
I WAS WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF GOING TO CLASSES.
BUT AS I SHARED ADVENTURES WITH MY POKÉMON, I BEGAN TO DEVELOP FEELING FOR THEM.
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A VENUSAUR BLOOM?
ONE MORNING, JUST BEFORE MY IVYSAUR WAS ABOUT TO EVOLVE, I WOKE UP AND SAW IT HAPPEN.
BATHED IN THE MORNING LIGHT, EACH PETAL SLOWLY OPENED, ONE BY ONE...
A MYSTERY OF NATURE... A WONDER OF THE POKÉMON WORLD...
MY HEART TREMBLED AT THE SIGHT.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY, POKÉMON HAVE BEEN THE CENTRE OF MY UNIVERSE.
BA-DOOM
CHAKA
CHAKA
CHAKA
ALL RIGHT!
THE CEREMONY IS STARTING!
OH.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM



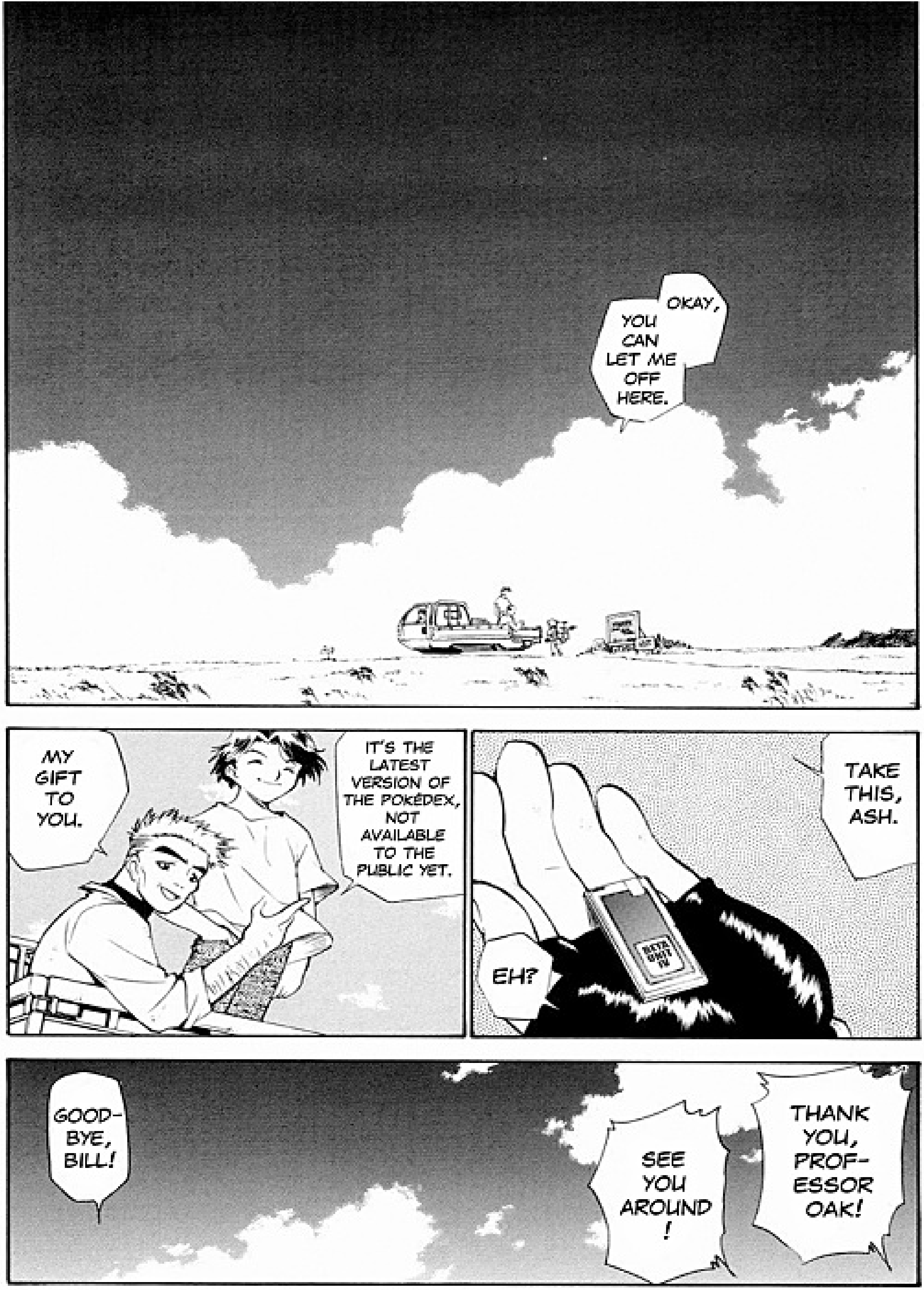
*NICKEL IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF METEORITES

KWAAHH
MY BLES-SING.
ZHOING
CLE.
IT JUST EVOLVED INTO A CLEF-ABLE!
PI-KAAA.
AWE-SOME!
KWOOOOHH

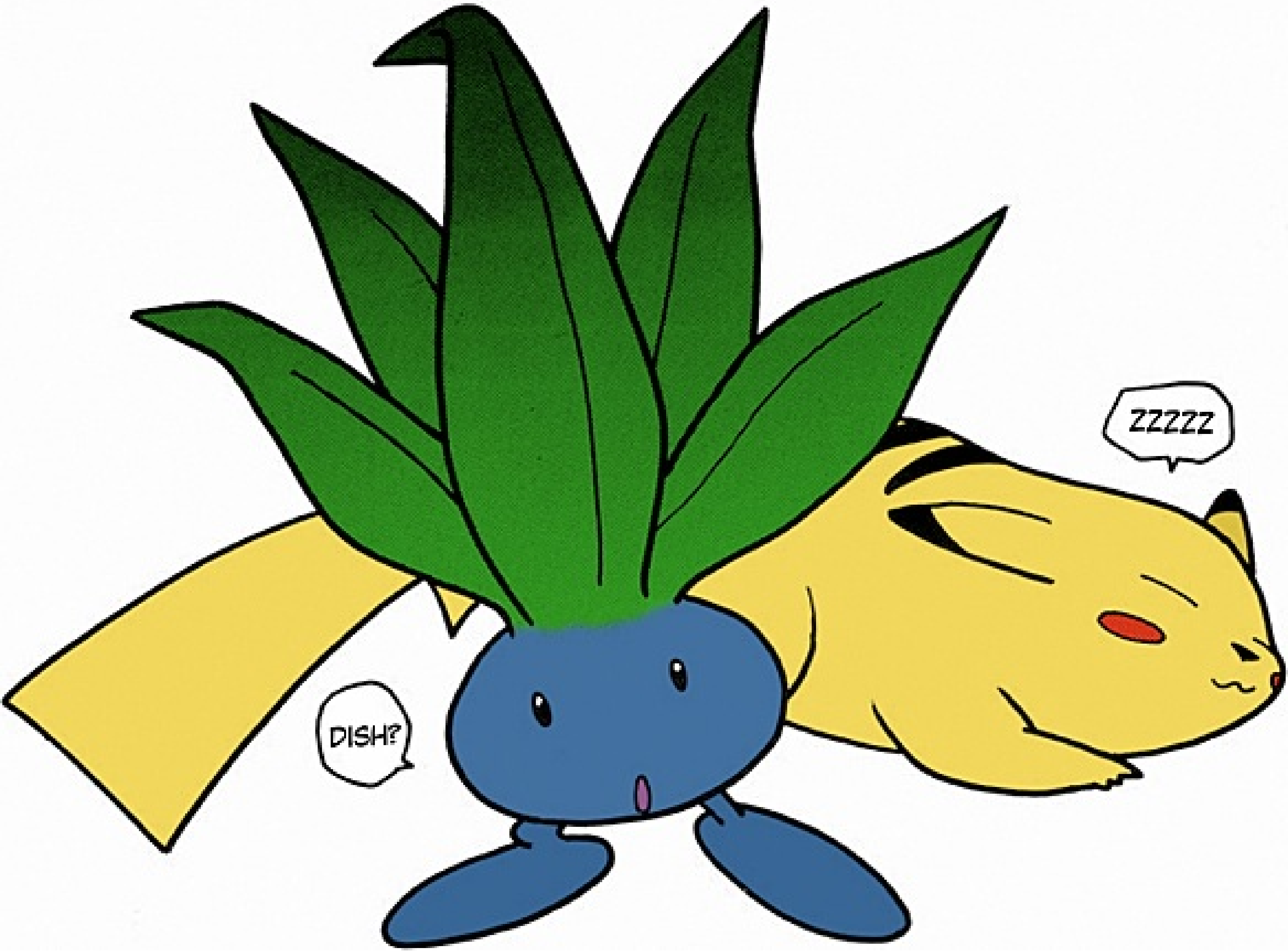
NEVER-THE-LESS ...
THESE THREE ARE SETTING OFF TO SEE THE WORLD NOW.
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DO THAT, ASH?
BEYOND THE SHELTER OF THIS MOUNTAIN, GENTLE POKÉMON LIKE CLEFAIRY HAVE MANY ENEMIES.
AND DESPITE HAVING EVOLVED, UNLIKE OTHER POKÉMON, THEY DON'T GET SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER.
ONLY THE BRAVEST CLEFAIRY ...
... CHOOSE TO EVOLVE.
...
I GET IT.
YOU WANT TO GO SEE THE WORLD.
OH!
YOU'RE THE CLEFAIRY WHO RESCUED ME.
CHUU!
CLE-FAIRY!
CLE-FAIRY.

CLE.

CLE-FABLE.
CLE-FABLE.
GO FOR IT!
BEAU-TIFUL...
PIKA-CHU!


OKAY, YOU CAN LET ME OFF HERE.
MY GIFT TO YOU.
IT'S THE LATEST VERSION OF THE POKÉDEX, NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC YET.
TAKE THIS, ASH.
EH?
GOOD-BYE, BILL!
SEE YOU AROUND!
THANK YOU, PROF-ESSOR OAK!

EVER SINCE THE EVOLUTION CEREMONY, THAT BOY LOOKS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW.
MAYBE A WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED OFF HIS SHOUL-DERS.
JUST LIKE THE CLE-FAIRY.
HE'S DRAWN TO ADVENTURE. AND NOBODY CAN RESIST THAT EVOLUTION.
YOU REMEMBER THAT FEELING TOO, EH?


DISH?
ZZZZZ

ZZZ
CHAPTER 4
HAUNTING MY DREAMS

SAFFRON CITY'S POKÉMON GYM
GASP
PAIN
WH-EEZE
MORE PAIN
I CHAL-LENGE YOU-UUU ...
SAFFRON GYM
...UU!
OH MY GOOD-NESS!
WHUMP
UUUUUUUU

JUST BEFORE I WOKE UP, I DREAMT ...
...THAT A HANDSOME YOUNG CHALLENGER WAS ON HIS WAY.
AMA-ZING!
I GUESS A POWERFUL PSYCHIC LIKE YOU GETS PREMONITIONS ALL THE TIME!
MISS SABRINA.
OH, NO. NOT ALL THE TIME.
JUST NOW AND AG-AIN.
OH!
I'M SORRY!
I FORGOT THE SOY SAUCE.
POPP
OH DEAR. YOU MUST THINK I'M A TOTAL FLAKE.
HA HA HA HA HA

IT'S "ASH", ISN'T IT?
OH!
IT'S YOU!
REMEMBER ME? THE TRAINER FROM PEWTER CITY- BROCK.
BROCK!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE MEETING YOU HERE.
YOU CAME HERE TO CHALLENGE MISS SABRINA FOR A BADGE?
YEAH! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BATTLE A PSYCHIC POKÉMON!
I WOULD BE HONORED.
IS THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE HERE?
HMM?
NUDGE
NUDGE
BA-DUMP
YES, THAT'S THE ONLY REASON!
GOBBL
GOBBL
?
PI
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?

ABRA
PSYCHIC POKÉMON
THIS STRANGE FELLOW SLEEPS 16 HOURS A DAY.
ZZZZZ
PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
GO!
FIGHT!
DON'T WORRY, ABRA CAN DO BATTLE EVEN WHEN THEY'RE ASLEEP.
UMM. I THINK HE'S STILL ASLEEP.
PLEASE BEGIN THE MATCH.
ZZZ
PIKA ?

BZZZT
BZZZT
CHUU!
BZZZT
BZZZT
BZZZT
BZZZT
IF YOU SAY SO...
PIKACHU-THUNDER-SHOCK!
SHOOMM
PI-KAA!
I GUESS THAT'S TELEPORT!
A-ABRA DISAPPEARED!
LOOK
LOOK
PIKA?
PIII?
PI?
SHOOMM

POPP
SHOOM
PI!!
PI!
SHOOM
SHOOM
FZZWEEE
ZZZ
ZZZ
PIII...
KAA...
...CHUUU !!!
BZZT
BZZAK
BZZAK
BZZAK
PIIII!!
STOP THE MATCH! WE HAVE A WINNER!
VOOSHH
CHUU

YOU CAN STAY AT THE GYM AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
YOU MIGHT PICK UP SOME POINTERS BY WATCHING OTHER TRAINERS BATTLE.
TEE HEE
WOW!
THOSE PSYCHIC POKÉMON ARE SOMETHING ELSE!
MISS SABRINA-PHONE CALL.
OH... THANK YOU.
KAY!
EXCUSE ME.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
DUDE!!
I THINK YOU HAVE A WEAK-NESS FOR CUTE GIRLS!
ASH ...
SURE DO!

BY THE WAY, BROCK... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH, SABRINA AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS.
AND I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
JUST FRIENDS ?
PLEASE DON'T RUB IT IN LIKE THAT.
I GET DEPR-ESSED EAS-ILY.
GROWN-UPS SURE HAVE WEIRD PROB-LEMS.
HELLO, SABRINA SPEAK-ING.
OH DEAR.
ARE YOU SURE ?
IT APPEARED AGAIN ?
IT'S BACK !
GRND
GRND
RSSTL
RSSTL
GWOOOOOOO

ONE WEEK LATER...
SABRINA!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER!?
SHE LEAVES THE GYM ALL OF A SUDDEN AND THEN SHE TURNS UP LIKE THIS!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER!?
SABRINA HAS FALLEN PREY TO THE DREAM EATER ATTACK.
SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE US FROM A HAUNTER.
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
HOSPITAL

AAAAHHHH
SABRINA, WATCH OUT!!
DREAM EATER
THE GAS POKÉMON'S MOST EFFECTIVE ATTACK, IT SUCKS OUT THE OPPONENT'S SOUL
THERE'S A HIGH-LEVEL HAUNTER IN THIS AREA, CALLED THE BLACK FOG.
IT'S BEEN PREYING ON PEOPLE AND POKÉMON HERE FOR YEARS. IT APPEARS SUDDENLY, STEALS THEIR SOULS, THEN VANISHES AS QUICKLY AS IT CAME.
GASTLY
HAUNTER

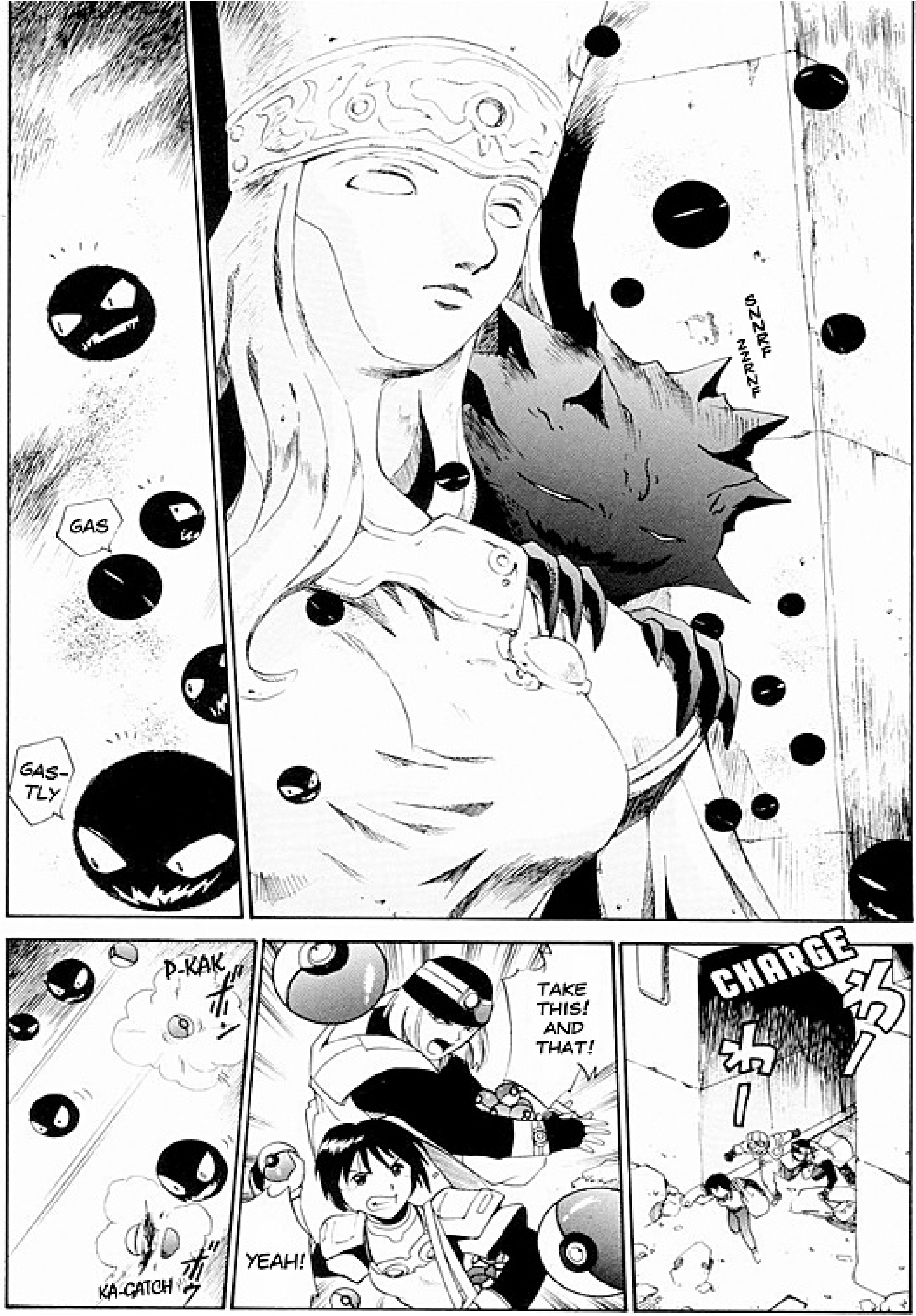
MOST PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN UP FIGHTING IT.
BUT WE'RE NOT READY TO QUIT YET!
WE VOWED WE'D HAVE OUR REVENGE, SO WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING TILL THE BITTER END.
SABRINA MADE THE SAME VOW.
I REMEMBER SABRINA SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT HOW ALL HER POKéMON GOT WIPED OUT A LONG TIME AGO.
SABRINA: AGE 11
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT A SWEET GIRL LIKE THAT...
...COULD BECOME SO CONSUMED WITH THE DESIRE FOR REVENGE.
ZHEEN
PIKA?
POING
WHAT IS IT, ABRA?
VWAAH
SKR-TCH
SKR-TCH
LAVENDER

IT'S SABRINA!
!!
M-MY GOD!
LAVENDER TOWN!
THE FACT THAT SHE'S ABLE TO CONTACT US TELEPATHICALLY MEANS SHE'S STILL ALIVE, RIGHT?
WE'LL BE SURE TO GET IT THIS TIME!
THEN LET'S GO TO LAVENDER TOWN!
THE HAUNTER MAY HAVE EATEN HER SOUL, BUT SHE'S STILL ABLE TO TELL US WHERE IT IS THROUGH TELEPATHY!
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE'S TELEPATHIC!
ALL RIGHT!
I'M GONNA CATCH ME A HAUNTER!
OF COURSE, THEY HAD TO DEFEAT THE POKÉMON FIRST...
ONE GUY WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM A DREAM EATER ATTACK ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY HOURS AFTER IT OCCURRED!
BUT SABRINA IS PSYCHIC, SO WE STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF BRINGING HER BACK, TOO!

DON'T BE A MORON! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN CATCH THAT THING?
HEY, IT'S A POKÉ-MON, RIGHT?
I GUESS SO, BUT...
IT MAY BE BIG...
...BUT WE'LL JUST MAKE A *REALLY BIG* POKÉ BALL FOR IT!
THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE!
HA
HA
HA
I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY.
IT IS A POKÉMON AFTER ALL. SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH IT.
THEO-RETICALLY AT LEAST.
I THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY.
WE'LL DO IT, ASH!
ANYTHING TO SAVE SABRINA'S LIFE!
EVEN CATCHING THE *BLACK FOG!*

GRROOWWLL
LAVENDER TOWN
A SETTLEMENT DATING BACK TO THE PREHISTORY OF THE POKÉMON WORLD.

AND IN ITS MIDST, THE EQUALLY ANCIENT POKÉMON TOWER.
IT HAS A CAPTURE NET THAT'S A HUNDRED TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN A STANDARD POKÉ BALL.
REGULAR POKÉMON WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST IT.
IT'S GIGA-NTIC!
EPB-X1
WE HAD TO PUT THIS THING TOGET-HER FAST...
...SO I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW RELIABLE IT MIGHT BE.
ENORMO POKÉ BALL - X1
WE'LL LOWER ITS HEALTH AND LURE IT OUT HERE!
ROGER!
WE'VE GOT A REPORT ON THE BLACK FOG'S LOCATION!
IT'S SLEEPING INSIDE THE POKÉMON TOWER!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S MOVE OUT!


GAS
GAS-TLY
SNNRF
NNRNF
P-KAK
KA-CATCH
TAKE THIS! AND THAT!
YEAH!
CHARGE

TMP
TMP
BETCHA CAN'T CATCH US!
NYAH NYAH!
NEENER NEENER
VWAH
VWAH
VWAH
NYAH NYAH
GAHH
KA-CHOOM
HEH HEH HEH
I HEARD THAT GAS TYPE POKÉMON CAN'T TAKE A SOLID SHAPE.
BUT THIS ONE IS AWFULLY HARD!
I DON'T BEL-IEVE IT!
KONK

GRAAHRL
HERE IT COMES !!
GRRMMBBLL
IT'S WORSE THAN WE IMAGINED!
BE CAREFUL, ASH!
GOT-CHA!
EVERYBODY... ATTACK!
THIS ONE'S GONNA TAKE EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!

RMMBL
RMMBL
RMMBL
GRRWARR
CHU-
UUU!
GROWWR
GYAWW
GYAWW
GYAWW
BAMM
BAMM

?
FWAKK
CHUU!
THWAK
BA-KOOM
VWEEN
PIII!
PIII!
VWOOM
VWOOM
THEY'LL ALL BE CRUSHED!
THAT'S A REALLY POWERFUL PSYCHIC ATTACK!
WE'VE GOTTA HELP THEM SOME-HOW!
ABRA!!

NIGHT SHADE: A TYPE OF SPIRITUAL ATTACK
MIRROR WAVE: TURNS THE ENEMY'S ATTACK BACK AGAINST IT

GWAWW
GRAWLL
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO

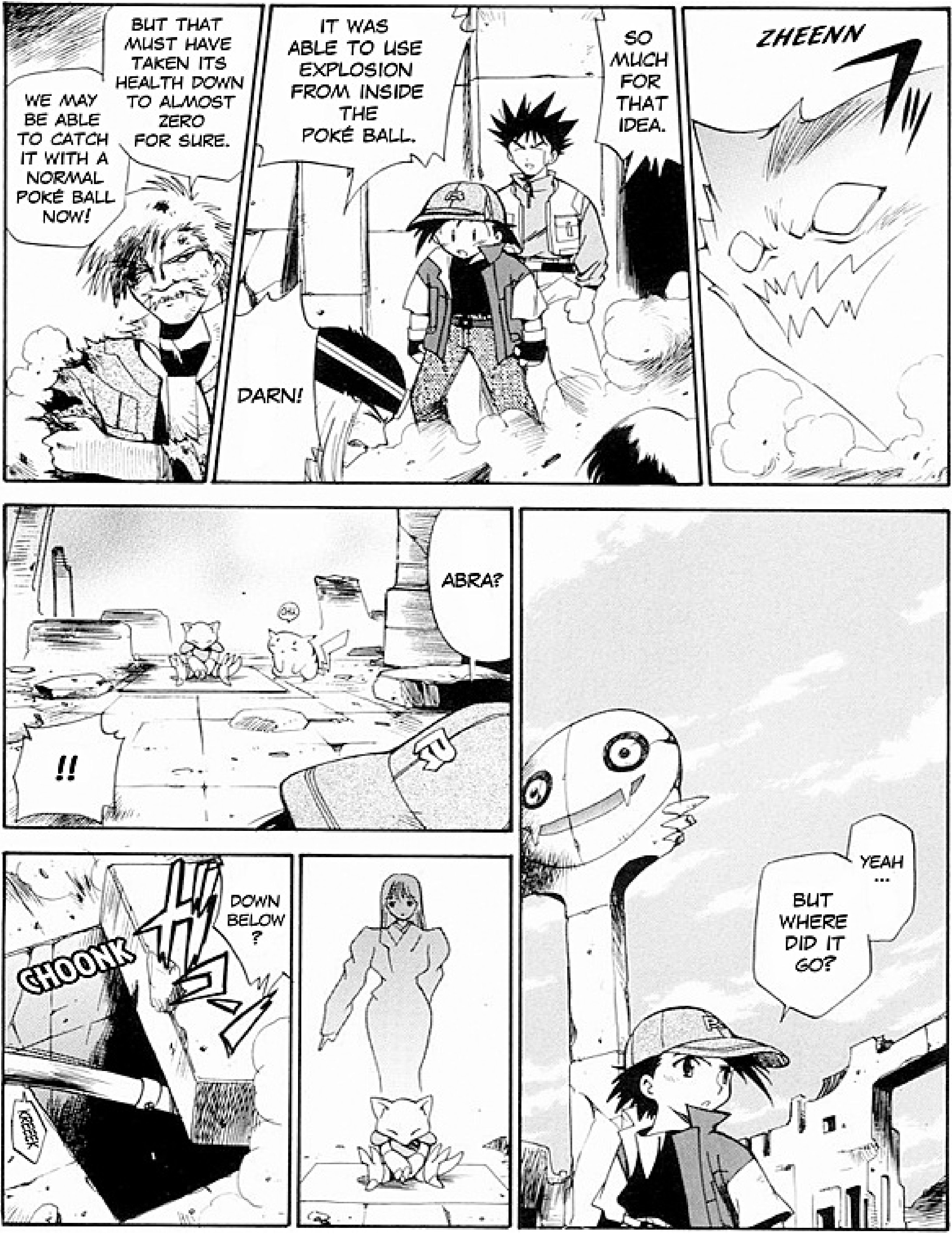
SCHLOOP
IT--
IT'S THE DREAM EATER ATTACK !!
BUT...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T USE TWO ATTACKS AT ONCE!
AND IT ATE UP THE MIRROR WAVE LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!
CHOMP
KLA-NK
BA-DOMP

GRWL
SHVR
SHVR
SHVR
SHVR
GLARE
GGRRR
GRHWRR
ABRA, GET OUT OF THERE!!
OH, NO! IT'S GOT ABRA!
PII!!
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
PIKAA!

BZZATT
BZZATT
HSSST
BZZATT
PIII!!
BZZATT
SHA-KOOWWW
KAKK
PIKA-CHU JUST USED AGI-LITY!
KEEP GOING, PIKA-CHU!
MAKE IT FOLLOW YOU, RIGHT TO THE EXIT!
SHWOOOOM

KRAKKL
KRAKKL
KRAKKL
VHWOON
GRRWL
NOW!!
THONK
KA-CHAK
EPB-X1
GRWL?
KONG
GRWL!! GR--
KONG
KONG
KONG
SKEEEEKK

ABRA.
CHU.
CHU-UU!
NOD NOD
PIKA?
ABRA.
PIKAA.
PSHAAHHH
WE DID IT!
WE CAUGHT THE BLACK FOG!
GA-JONK GA-JONK
KA-CHOOMM
GRROWLR


WE MAY BE ABLE TO CATCH IT WITH A NORMAL POKÉ BALL NOW!
BUT THAT MUST HAVE TAKEN ITS HEALTH DOWN TO ALMOST ZERO FOR SURE.
IT WAS ABLE TO USE EXPLOSION FROM INSIDE THE POKÉ BALL.
SO MUCH FOR THAT IDEA.
DARN!
ZHEENN
ABRA?
!!
DOWN BELOW?
CHOONK
KREEEK
YEAH...
BUT WHERE DID IT GO?

NOW WE'VE GOTCHA, BLACK FOG!
GRWL
GRWL
KRA-KKL
VWOON
VWOON

ABRA!
PIKKA!
VWOON
VWOON
VWOON
SHOOOHH
PIKACHU! THUNDER-NOW!!
CHUUUUU!!
VACHHAAAAAHH

VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM
GRWL !!
GRWL !
HAUN-TER ...
... YOU'RE MINE!!

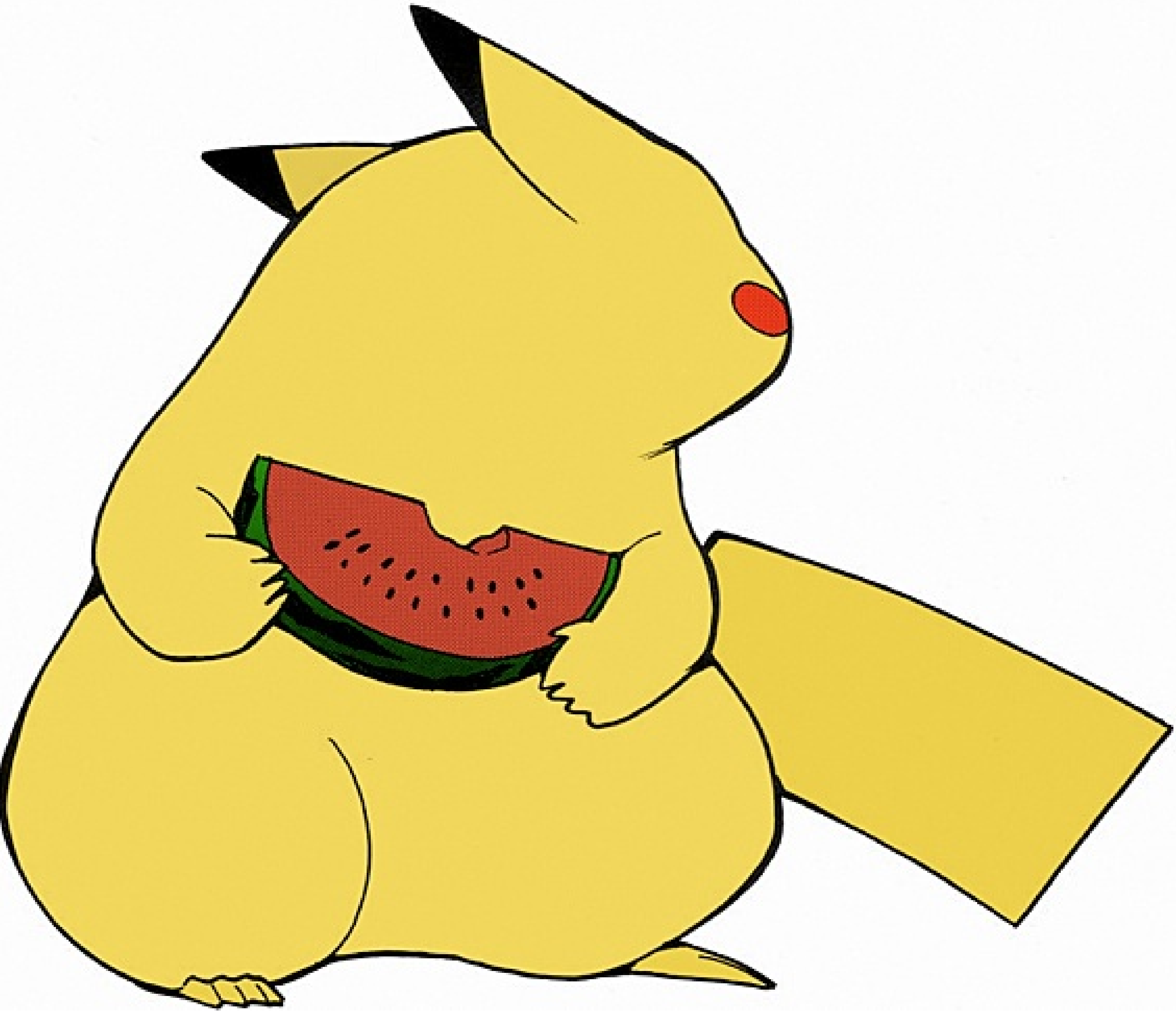
HYPER
VWAANNNN

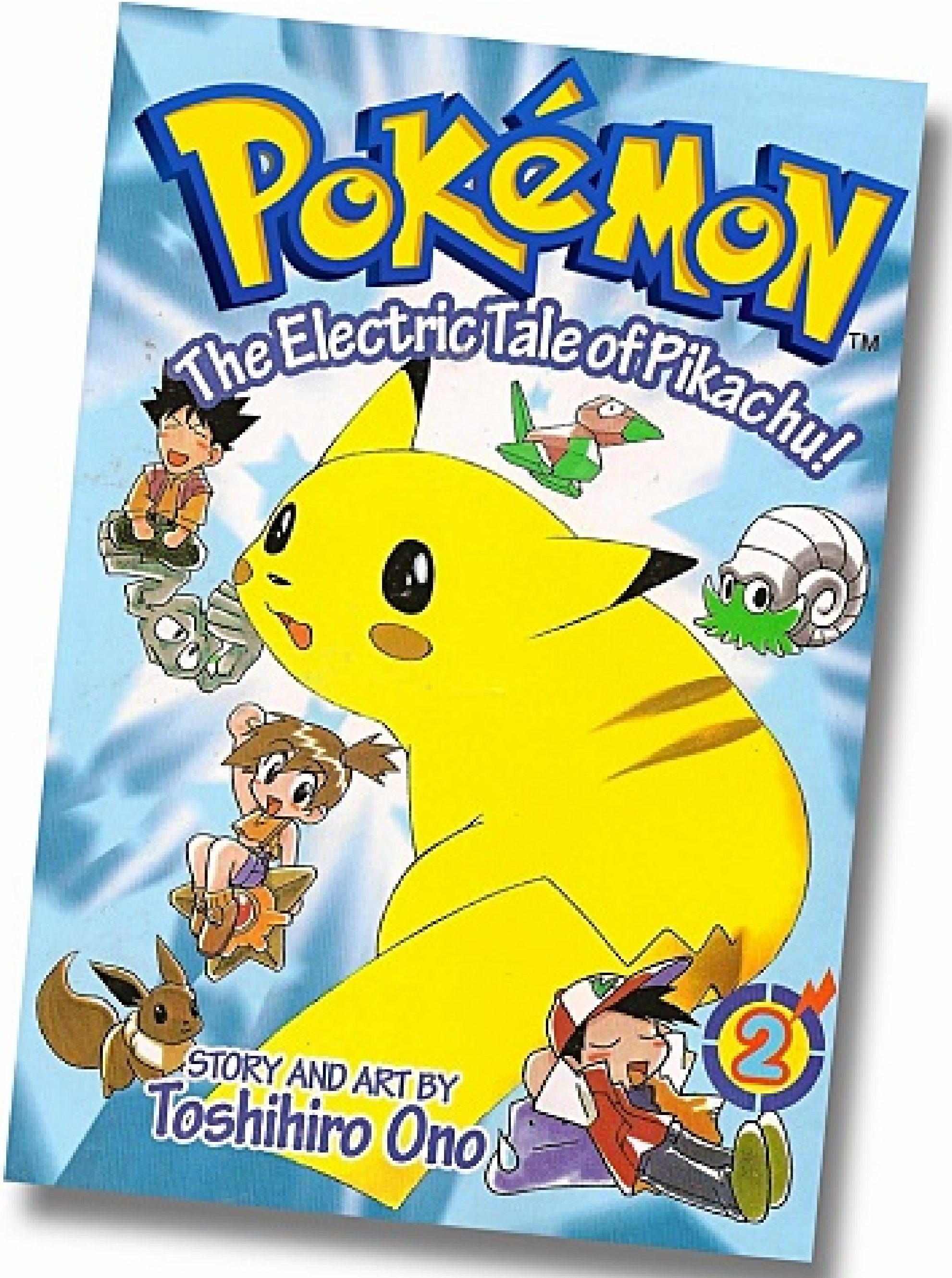
GAZHOOM
BLINK
JEEZ!
IT USED SELF DESTRUCT!

SHOOM
YAAAHHH
THOOMM
KKRRMMBLLL
WHAT THE?
SHOOM
KKRRASHH
BAMM
SABRINA!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ASH?

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE WORSHIPPED POKÉMON AS GODS.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE HAUNTER GREW ACCUSTOMED TO BEING TREATED LIKE A GOD, UNTIL THEY ABANDONED IT.
THAT'S WHY IT WOULDN'T LET ITSELF BE CAPTURED BY A HUMAN.
IT WENT OUT WITH AN EXIT FIT FOR A GOD.
SNIFF
SNIFF
I...
I NEVER STOPPED HATING IT. NOT ONE DAY IN TEN YEARS.
BUT NOW ...
SOME-HOW I CAN'T ...

!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ASH?
ARE YOU SYMPATHY CRYING?
WAHH
WAHH
...
IT'S OKAY SABRINA... IT'S ALL OVER NOW.
THERE, THERE. JUST CRY IT ALL OUT.
WAHH
WAHH
I-IT'S JUST THAT THE POKÉ BALL I THREW...
...WAS A HYPER BALL THAT I BOUGHT WITH THE LAST OF MY ALLOWANCE!
WAHH
WAHH
WHY ME!?
I... SEE...
SNFFL
PIKA?





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